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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

How a test plan fell apart

Lamont administration left scrambling after California shipment never arrived

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — With coronavirus cases spiking, hospitalizations surging and Connecticut residents waiting as long as four hours for a COVID-19 test, Gov. Ned Lamont was faced with yet another crisis in the nearly two-year old pandemic.

New Year's Eve was days away and the governor had to find at-home COVID-19 tests. After nearly two years of wheeling and dealing for masks, surgical gloves and all manner of personal protective equipment, the Lamont

administration turned to a reliable vendor from throughout the pandemic.

By early last Monday afternoon, Lamont and his top aides had found a stopgap solution: The state would spend \$18.5 million in federal money for 3 million at-home rapid tests and 6 million N95 masks, with plans to start handing out the tests last Thursday.

“The demand for tests has outpaced the supply of testing available through our statewide network of about 400 sites,”

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Gov. Ned Lamont summoned reporters to the state's commodities warehouse in New Britain on New Year's Eve for a news conference regarding 426,000 at-home COVID-19 tests that had arrived for distribution to cities and towns. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



Marlborough First Selectman Greg Lowrey hands out a BinaxNOW at-home COVID-19 rapid test kit to resident Mario Ramos at a drive-thru distribution site at Marlborough Fire Station 2 on Saturday. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Connecticut towns start passing out tests

Other municipalities plan to distribute state-supplied kits this week

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

MARLBOROUGH — A few Connecticut towns and cities began distributing at-home COVID-19 test kits supplied by the state Saturday, as others plan to do the same in the coming days.

The kits are part of a large shipment delivered to the state Friday following a multiday saga in which an initial agreement to purchase 3 million tests fell through. Gov. Ned Lamont said Friday that more test kits will arrive throughout the weekend and will be distributed widely early in the week.

At a fire station in Marlborough — a town of about 6,000 residents just south of Glastonbury — town officials passed out hundreds of BinaxNOW tests to residents in their cars, who were allowed one kit per household.

Erin Chiaputti, a school social worker who lives in town, said she'd looked for testing in recent days but encountered empty shelves and long lines.

“We haven't been able to get [tests], so I just figured it'd be good to have,” she said. “[COVID-19] is just spreading like wildfire.”

Greg Lowrey, Marlborough's first selectman, said the town had received 456 test

kits Saturday morning and immediately moved to distribute them. Some were reserved for first responders and particularly vulnerable residents, while the majority were distributed Saturday afternoon at the fire station.

“We were ready a few days ago when we thought we were doing this, so we just dusted off the plans,” Lowrey said.

Another small town, Monroe, also distributed test kits Saturday afternoon, while others, including Plainville and Fairfield, announced they will hand out theirs

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Inspector one part of larger concern

Devlin, who will lead new office, weighs in on policing the police

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

Judge Robert Devlin, newly appointed as Connecticut's first inspector general and responsible in the era of Defund the Police for investigating all cases involving deadly force by law enforcement, is probably beginning the most challenging chapter in a career that has never involved sitting in quiet offices.

He has been a government lawyer defending the indigent, a mob prosecutor, presiding judge in the state's most violent city, a judicial administrator and a judge on the state Appellate Court, from which he stepped down a year ago after reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70.

His new office, when it is up and running, will be the most visible element among the set of law enforcement reforms social justice advocates pushed through the legislature



Devlin

over the last two years. And his success will likely be measured by how thoroughly he displeases everyone with whom the new office comes into contact.

“If he gets all sides hating him equally, he has probably done a great job,” said Frank Rudewicz, a consultant and retired Hartford police lieutenant. “He is in a no-win situation. There are people who are not going to like his findings.”

The anti-police sentiment that swept the country after George Floyd died at the hands of police officers in Minneapolis in May 2020 drove passage of the state's Police Accountability Act, which was written to expand control over how police work and to establish new means of holding to account officers who break the rules.

Relationships

The inspector general, the most visible of the state reforms, is charged with investigating every use of force case and all in-custody deaths — in police stations and prisons. That means sorting out violent, split-second encounters, usually between the police and those they are pursuing. The legislature said it tried to create an office with enough power and independence to operate free from the institutional and racial biases reform advocates complain have long favored the police in such investigations.

Few, including Devlin, believe that anything he does will be accepted without protest — and events from the recent past support that belief. A police officer refused to cooperate as a witness in a recent police

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Misery deepens for fire survivors

991 homes destroyed as snowfall blankets Denver-area suburbs

By Charlie Brennan, Jack Healy and Sophie Kasakove
The New York Times

LOUISVILLE, Colo. — Just two days after they fled a firestorm, residents of two Colorado suburbs gutted by flames slogged back

home Saturday through nearly a foot of snow and single-digit temperatures to confront a new list of woes: frozen pipes and water damage, thanks to an abrupt turn in the weather.

The desperately needed snow arrived too late to save nearly 1,000 homes that were destroyed and the hundreds more damaged after a wildfire fueled by 105 mph wind gusts roared through parched grasses and into subur-

ban cul-de-sacs of Louisville and Superior. The suburbs are filled with middle- and upper-middle-class subdivisions with shopping centers, parks and schools. The area is between Denver and Boulder, home to the University of Colorado.

With thousands of surviving homes still without power and gas Saturday, the 7-degree tempera-

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Daniel Peers looks at what remains of his brother's burned home Saturday in snowy Louisville, Colorado. At least 991 homes were destroyed by wildfires. **JACK DEMPSEY/AP**

No New York Times puzzle

Because of a production problem, the New York Times crossword puzzle does not appear in today's paper. It will appear in the Tuesday, Jan. 4, Courant instead.

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tures and 10 inches of snow that fell on the Boulder area touched off a frantic new battle against the weather.

With some roads still closed, residents hiked into their neighborhoods to drain their pipes and empty hot-water tanks. They scrambled to set up space heaters. People on vacation hundreds of miles away pleaded for help in shutting off the water and opening up their taps to prevent a flood.

A day after officials said there had been no immediate reports of deaths, officials from the Boulder County sheriff's office said they believed that three people were missing.

Jennifer Churchill, a spokesperson for Boulder County, declined to identify the missing or say where they had last been seen.

"Snow will complicate what we can do today, but we're doing everything we can to find those missing folks," Churchill said.

But family members identified one of them as Nadine Turnbull, 91, telling 9News that a relative had tried to rescue Turnbull from her home in Superior only to be turned back by flames engulfing the front and back doors.

Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pelle also said Saturday that investigators are still trying to find the cause of the blaze that erupted Thursday. Emergency authorities said Friday that utility officials found no downed power lines around where the fire broke out.

Pelle said authorities were pursuing a number of tips and had executed a search warrant at "one particular location."

He declined to give details.

Pelle said officials were organizing cadaver teams to search for the missing in the Superior area and in unincorporated Boulder



The remains of the Element Boulder Superior Hotel are seen in the aftermath of the Marshall Fire on Friday in Louisville, Colorado. The fast-moving, wind-driven fire that erupted Thursday in multiple spots across Boulder County forced some 30,000 people out of their residences and may have destroyed as many as 1,000 homes. **MARC PISCOTTY/GETTY PHOTOS**



The remains of a burned-out car stand amid the remains of a neighborhood in the aftermath of the Marshall Fire on Friday in Louisville, Colorado.

County.

Seven people were injured in the wildfire, authorities said.

At least 991 homes were destroyed, Pelli said: 553 in Louisville, 332 in Superior and 106 in unincorporated parts of the county. He cautioned that the tally is not final.

President Joe Biden on Friday declared a major disaster in the area, ordering federal aid be made available to those affected.

The blaze burned at least 94 square miles.

Nearly 13,000 households around Boulder were without natural gas Saturday, and 7,500 households had no power, according to Xcel Energy, the local utility provider. The company said electricity would be restored later Saturday but that natural gas would take several days.

The Town of Superior said it was shutting off water in the fire zone

Saturday to prevent additional damage.

"This is disappointment on disappointment," said Alli Bowdey, a nurse whose family was packed into a house with relatives after fleeing their Louisville home. On top of everything else, her husband tested positive for the coronavirus and was quarantining in a hotel Saturday.

"We just looked at each other in disbelief," she said.

As the scale of the destruction came into clearer view Saturday, thousands of displaced families across the Boulder area began to confront questions about whether they would rebuild and how they would find temporary housing in a place confronting a stark shortage of homes and an affordability crisis that has already priced many young families out of Louisville and Superior.

Even as Bowdey's husband, a property manager, fights off COVID-19 at a hotel, he has been inundated with 200 requests for housing from

families who have no place to go, she said. "It kind of hits you every so often that this is not just weeks and months — this is years."

Clint Folsom, mayor of Superior, said finding long-term housing for so many families was the next emergency.

While his home survived the fire, his 76-year-old mother's home burned to the ground, as did two homes owned by his sister-in-law.

"We've got hundreds and hundreds of people who are going to need housing," Folsom said. "That's going to be the challenge."

Cathy Glaab found that her home in Superior had been turned into a pile of charred and twisted debris. It was one of seven houses in a row that were destroyed.

"The mailbox is standing," Glaab said, trying to crack a smile through tears. She added sadly, "So many memories."

The Associated Press contributed.

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on Sunday. Most towns said they would update residents on new distribution plans once they had the tests in hand.

Max Reiss, a spokesperson for Lamont, said towns had the option of retrieving their allotment of test kits this weekend or waiting until Monday. Once local officials have the tests, they can distribute them as soon as they'd like, Reiss said.

"We expect this tranche of tests to be distributed out to the cities and towns and in people's hands within 72 hours," he said.

Lamont has suggested that towns prioritize vulnerable residents, such as those with COVID-19 symptoms, homeless people and frontline workers, but has not required that they do so.

"If you're showing symptoms, get a test kit. If you're going to be going into a school on Monday, do public safety work or forward facing public workers who feel like they may have something going on, get a test," Lamont said. "Otherwise, you can hold off a little bit. We're going to have a lot more tests in the next couple of weeks so that we can prioritize the people that are most in need."

Connecticut's initial plan to purchase and distribute 3 million COVID-19 test kits, as well as a trove of N95 masks, fell through last week after the state was outbid. Officials then found new suppliers, including Aetna parent CVS Health, to provide the test kits.

As of Friday, the state had received more than 400,000 tests.

With COVID-19 spreading rapidly, tests have been hard to come by in recent weeks, as pharmacies have sold out of at-home kits and drive-through sites have been overwhelmed with demand. On Thursday, Connecticut's seven-day COVID-19 test positivity rate stood at 14%, and the state was averaging more than 5,000 tests a day — more than at any other time during the pandemic.

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PLAY3 NIGHT 8 1 3 **WB:** 7
PLAY4 NIGHT 6 0 2 9 **WB:** 6

CASH 5
4 5 7 19 26

LUCKY FOR LIFE
19 36 37 39 41 **LB:** 8

LOTTO
8 19 20 23 39 40
Zero first-prize ticket(s) sold.

MEGA MILLIONS
2 5 30 46 61 **MB:** 8 **MP:** 3
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Advocates: Prioritize vulnerable groups for tests

Two disability groups write to governor ahead of distribution

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

Two Connecticut disability rights groups have written to Gov. Ned Lamont asking him to prioritize people with high risk of severe illness in the process of distributing COVID-19 test kits and masks. The governor has given municipalities wide discretion in passing out supplies

secured by the state, suggesting — but not requiring — that they focus particularly on their most vulnerable residents. In a letter dated Friday, Disability Rights Connecticut and the Connecticut Legal Rights Project said the state's "failure to provide equitable access to testing and N95 masks" violates state and federal anti-discrimination law. They wrote that disabled people, including those in prisons, psychiatric hospitals and group homes, should receive priority in the distribution process.

"There is no recognition of the responsibility of the state to make sure that [distribution of the supplies] was prioritized for those at greatest need," Sheldon Toubman of Disability Rights Connecticut said Saturday. Toubman said the disability rights groups don't expect Lamont to drastically alter his distribution plan for tests and masks, only to ensure that particularly vulnerable groups have access to the supplies. Max Reiss, a Lamont spokesman, said Saturday he was aware of the

letter but had not yet read it and didn't want to comment before he had. Connecticut has received more than 400,000 at-home COVID-19 tests in recent days and expects more in the near future, as well as a supply of N95 masks. Some towns began distributing their allotment of tests Saturday, while others plan to do so Sunday or Monday. Doris Maldonado, a West Hartford resident with several medical conditions that leave her at high risk of COVID-19, said her family is experiencing a virus scare

but can't find home testing. She said households like hers should get priority as the newly arrived tests are distributed. "The failure to do anything to ensure [tests] are offered beyond a first-come, first-served basis is egregious," Maldonado said in an email. "Where is the accountability?" Lamont has received criticism from disability rights activists at several times during the pandemic, including when he decided to determine eligibility for COVID-19 vaccines based

solely on age, instead of prioritizing vulnerable groups. Taubman said the lack of priority for disabled people in test distribution fits a broader pattern. "We are concerned that there has been, throughout decision-making on COVID response, a tendency toward adopting over-simplistic solutions which, while convenient, fail to prioritize the greatest need in the saving of lives," he said. Alex Putterman can be reached at aputterman@courant.com.

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Lamont said Monday, well aware of the rising tension around testing. "The week between Christmas and New Year's Day is likely to be a period of high transmission, and we have to get 2022 off to a good start by helping residents identify COVID-19 quickly and take those steps to isolate appropriately to curb any further spread."

Dr. Manisha Juthani, commissioner of the state Department of Public Health, said that the testing, along with vaccination and masking, were critical to help fight off the "current surge of COVID-19 from the omicron variant."

"We will be distributing two of these — masks and tests — so that our communities can work as quickly as possible to get past this surge," she said. "Because of the scarcity of these kits, I am asking the residents of our state to please take only the kits that you need for your immediate family so that we can distribute as many as possible to help flatten the omicron curve."

By Wednesday afternoon, there were promises of crates of tests sitting in Sunnyvale, California, about to be shipped to Bradley International Airport, where members of the Connecticut National Guard were waiting.

The tests from California never arrived, creating a public relations disaster on Thursday. By Friday, the Lamont team — drawing on other contacts and connections — found a new source and more than 400,000 tests were delivered to Connecticut. But the California shipment disaster, which misled scores of municipalities, was another reminder that the pandemic crisis is far from over.

'Planes were waiting and ready'

Despite the state scrambling to find new tests, Lamont's critics quickly jumped on the collapse of the California shipment at a moment when seemingly much of the state was trying to line up a COVID-19 test. House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North



Gov. Ned Lamont, with Sen. Richard Blumenthal, chats with Robert Valentukonis as he waits at Veterans Memorial Stadium in New Britain to receive rapid COVID-19 tests for him and his two daughters on Friday. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Branford called for an investigation by the state attorney general in order to warn future contractors about misleading the state on important contracts.

"It's a huge embarrassment. It was the greatest hoax of 2021," Candelora said. "This needs to be investigated. This is a huge violation of the public trust. ... We were being told there were pictures taken of these products being loaded onto the plane. That's pretty significant and outrageous — and the state of Connecticut should be looking into this. No business should be misleading the state of Connecticut."

As the shipment unraveled, top Lamont officials were more concerned with finding where the tests were, particularly since municipalities across the state were planning mass distribution of the free tests starting Thursday.

When Juthani heard that the test kits were not arriving — after various contradictory explanations — she was shocked.

"First, we were told the product was in Memphis," Juthani said in an interview. "Then we were told the product was coming from California. ... Now, you're telling us you're sending it

to us from California and not trucks from Memphis. Now, we're told the trucks couldn't be loaded overnight, and so it has to be done in the morning. And then the flights. And then after all that ... to come back with it's not just a delay, it's not coming. It was mind-blowing in some ways because we had obviously shared a lot of information with people, and a lot of municipalities made plans."

She added, "I was told the planes were waiting and ready. When you hear that level of detail of a status update and then to find out that we're not getting them at all was really mind-blowing. I really have no other term to say."

The other problem was state officials went ahead with the announcement to cities and towns because they were highly confident in the Glastonbury contractor who had handled millions of dollars in state contracts in the past.

"When somebody who you have a long track record with in the state and is a local member of the community, when somebody like that tells you something, you're more likely to believe it because you know that person has come through for you

before," Juthani said. "If it was a random person, you might have less faith that was true. That's why it was even more mind-blowing to us that were involved."

A reliable vendor

Documents disclosed by the state show that the state had an agreement to pay \$18.5 million for 1.5 million antigen test kits that had two tests per kit for a total of 3 million individual tests. The "term of contract" started on Dec. 26 and called for the kits to be sent to the state's commodities warehouse in New Britain.

The state was dealing with Jack Rubenstein CT, LLC of Glastonbury, which had been described by state officials as a reliable vendor that had done millions of dollars in contracts with the state in the past and had connections to provide products during the pandemic. The company is operated by Jeffrey B. Barlow, who did not return messages seeking comment.

Sources in California, who Lamont officials are not identifying, led administration officials to think that everything was under control.

"We know that we were told in no uncertain terms

— even with pictures — that the tests were in the plane," Lamont said at the state's commodities warehouse in New Britain. "We know that the plane didn't take off or it didn't take off and come to Connecticut as was contracted via our purchase order. I have plenty of time to do post-mortems on this thing. In the meantime, I've got to get more tests into the state, and that's my prime focus."

Days after the deal fell apart, Lamont appeared to be less interested in finger pointing than in moving forward after an embarrassing episode in which mayors, first selectmen, and other local officials quickly geared up to distribute test kits by New Year's Eve.

"Right now, I want to get more masks here [in New Britain]," he said. "I want to talk to all the providers. I don't want to be sitting around talking about lawsuits. I want to talk about getting more tests right here."

Lamont admits that the state was outbid in a fast-moving environment that went outside normal purchasing operations.

"Nothing is standard operating procedure right now," Lamont said. "It's a

little bit of the Wild West out there. ... I would say everything, going back two years, has been a day late and a dollar short. ... But we're way ahead of 48 other states."

Long lines, long pandemic

After the embarrassment, the Lamont administration now has a policy of not making announcements until the products have arrived.

"I think we got a little ahead of ourselves, to tell you the truth," Lamont said. "We all thought the tests were in the plane. We thought 'Here they come.' We wanted to give our municipalities a little bit of time for planning. I think in hindsight we probably should have said 'off the record, you may be able to plan for this, but we can't announce it yet because I've been through this movie before. If you don't see it, it's not here yet.'"

On Friday afternoon, after the first replacement shipment of 400,000 tests arrived, Lamont and U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal walked up and down a line of hundreds of cars that were waiting for COVID-19 tests in a parking lot at Veterans Memorial Stadium in New Britain. Some drivers rolled down their windows to chat, while others did not.

Tania Rosado of Wolcott chatted with Lamont, who said, "I apologize for your long wait."

"It's been three hours," said Rosado, who was near the front of the line.

A Spanish teacher for the past 19 years who has two children, Rosado said she wished she could have gotten a kit in her hometown instead of driving from Wolcott to New Britain to wait in line.

"I was mad because I could have gone there, and I wouldn't have come here," she said. "That would have been much easier. ... It's a mess. It seems very poorly handled — the way the government is handling it."

Rosado added, "The pandemic — I can't wait for it to be over."

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shooting investigation. And a community group argued to the state Supreme Court in a case about police surveillance that "Black and Brown communities within Connecticut have been targeted for and subject to lawless attacks by police."

Devlin said he plans, among other things, to meet with advocacy groups in an attempt to establish some trust.

"It is better to get to know people in a setting that is not as charged as it is when there is an actual case that people are thinking off," he said. "I've talked to the ACLU, and I intend to talk to various community groups in our state. I think it is important to have a relationship with them. When a case comes down and they have an interest in it, at least they'll know my name and we will have spoken before."

It is not realistic, he said, to expect that his office, which will consist of nine people when fully staffed, can repair the rift in police-community relations exposed by the Floyd death and the flurry of reforms

that followed.

"That was a trigger that generated the Police Accountability Act, and creation of the inspector general's position was part of that," he said. "But the problem really goes much deeper than that. It is a societal issue that needs to be addressed for sure. I think the way the inspector general is going to do it is sort of on a micro basis, on a case-by-case basis. We'll do our best to get each case correct and then move forward with that."

"But these big macro, society issues? To the extent that this office could affect that for the better? That would be great. That would be fantastic. But that seems like kind of a big ask for nine people working out of a building in Cheshire. ... I think this is a smaller piece of a much bigger conversation that we are having as a society."

New staff, tools

Devlin is in the process of hiring staff for offices he found in Cheshire.

He appointed Andrew Slitt, an assistant state's attorney in Windham County, as deputy inspector general. Should there be

prosecutions of police officers, they will be brought by Devlin and Slitt.

He plans to hire James Viadero, the former Newtown police chief who recreated that town's department following the tragic Sandy Hook murders. Viadero, who sits on a state board that sets police standards, spent most of his career on the Bridgeport Police Department, which he left as a captain.

There are more than 50 applications for the five inspectors who will work with state police detectives and forensic specialists on use of force investigations. The office will have one paralegal.

The legislature also gave Devlin a powerful tool that it stubbornly denies every other state law enforcement agency: the authority to issue investigative subpoenas that compel witnesses to provide statements or produce records. Witnesses who refuse to comply with a subpoena, including police officers, can be jailed.

Devlin said the proliferation of surveillance cameras should also assist the inspector general's investigations, as well as another aspect of the legislature's

police reforms requiring all departments to be equipped with body and dashboard cameras in 2022.

"What happened is often times quite well-documented," he said. "It is interpreting the evidence that I think is really the key."

'Just straight ahead'

The office will rely on Connecticut State Police forensic experts and laboratory services and, when necessary, work alongside state police detectives. Devlin will manage investigations, evaluate findings, issue annotated public reports and make decisions about prosecuting.

In some ways, the new job synthesizes what Devlin has done as a judge and prosecutor. As an assistant U.S. attorney, he helped investigate and prosecute the leadership of the Patriarca crime family, a case that concluded in a sensational, four-month trial that, for all practical purposes, ended the Mafia in New England.

"This office is in the crosshairs of a lot of people with different sorts of ideas about how these cases should go,"

he said. "I've told everybody the same thing: I am just going to follow the evidence, and that is going to determine the outcome."

"Sometimes that is easy. And sometimes it's hard. But that is the objective. No thumb on the scales for or against anybody. Just straight ahead."

"I am going to try to operate in a way that is transparent, to give people an opportunity to see reasons why we reached the decisions we did. There are going to be some people who probably won't be convinced, even by a very persuasive presentation. And that is OK. I get that."

"But most people I think are reasonable. And if you present a reasonable, measured report about an incident — whichever way it comes out, whether the police were justified or not — most reasonable people would accept that, particularly if they think that it was prepared by someone who doesn't have any kind of ulterior motive in it."

Devlin issued his first report last week — although it was largely completed by others before he took office on Oct. 8. He said a Naugatuck police sergeant

was justified in firing three times at a suspected drug dealer who had knocked the officer down in a car crash and who the officer believed was trying to run him over. Only the sergeant was injured, and the suspect later told police he considered running over the officer.

Devlin inherited eight more cases that were pending when he was sworn in and a ninth that recently took place in Norwich.

A dozen or so judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers questioned about Devlin called him well-suited for the Inspector General's Office. Rudewicz, who was assigned as a Hartford police detective to work with Devlin on the Patriarca case, called him ideally suited.

"He is the perfect guy for the job," Rudewicz said.

"And it is not just his experience. It is his temperament. He is charismatic, but I think he has a very humble nature about him. And, especially as a judge, and I would think as an inspector general, you don't want the judge or the IG to be the story. It's the facts and the evidence that are supposed to be the story."

JAN. 6 INSURRECTION

A year later, nation still seems split

But in this Virginia town, residents try a big cup of civility

By Calvin Woodward

Associated Press

LOVETTSVILLE, Va. — When Maureen Donnelly Morris came from nearby Leesburg to open her cafe in Lovettsville, neighbors rallied to her aid. Divisions ripping at their town and their country were set aside. America's thunderous rage felt distant.

People she didn't know sank posts for her parking signs. They brought lights for the cheery space outdoors, sharpened her bagel-slicing blades and contributed plants, all to herald what would become the town's civil common ground — Back Street Brews.

Forget, at least for a second, red, blue, left, right, pro-Trump, anti-Trump.

In this northern Virginia community of some 2,200 and others like it across the nation, neighborly ways and social ties persist, even in a country that seems to be at war with itself.

It's a quieter force than all the yelling that is driving Americans apart. But the redemption of a nation and future of its democracy may depend on it as the anniversary of the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol approaches.

At least in the cafe, says Moe, as she's known, "You're allowed to be a Republican and I don't hate your guts. And you're allowed to be a Democrat and hopefully you like me if I'm not."

That sentiment can no longer be taken for granted.



Cafe owner Maureen Donnelly Morris chats with customers at Back Street Brews in Lovettsville, Virginia. CAL WOODWARD/AP

The U.S. is split in nearly every way.

Politics has become "Mortal Kombat, the video game," said Fiona Hill, who served three presidents as a Russia analyst. "You have to kind of slay your enemy," she said. "It's all basically framed as win-loss, victory-defeat, red versus blue, different factions and shades of blue fighting with themselves."

That's the warring America.

There's another, quieter, America, too.

It asks about the family. It commiserates about the water bill and shoots the

breeze. It's a place where people who can be Facebook-nasty are face-to-face polite. Often it meets over coffee.

There's no question that Donald Trump drove people further into their corners and that the one-two punch of political distancing and social distancing has taken a toll.

Trump and the pandemic "pretty much ripped a hole through the center of town," says Kris Consaul, a left-leaning activist and a former Lovettsville planning commissioner.

Into the breach came Back Street Brews, which set

up in a building shared with a craft store in late 2017, then expanded in 2021 to fill the space. It became the town's social hub.

Worship groups, a new-moms' group and other coffee klatches took root. Political discussions pop up, though rarely a heated argument. When you sneeze in one cubbyhole, a stranger in another calls out, "Bless you."

Consultant Erik Necciai once worked as an aide to Democrats and Republicans on a Senate committee. He knows about bipartisanship. He's also handy with a shovel.

So when another neighbor made wooden posts for Back Street's parking, Necciai bought the concrete, dug the holes and poured the footings.

"It's very hard to have conversations nowadays in public spaces," he said.

But he said cafe patrons recently fell into a discussion about U.S. relations with Russia and China. "Everybody's opinion was greatly accepted," he said. "I think we need a little bit more of that."

Jessica Sullivan, a tarot-card reader who also works at Back Street, agrees: "I don't need anybody to think

the same things that I think in order for them to be a good person to me."

Still, Sullivan said, "we do have a kind of dark undercurrent at times" in the town.

In one provocation, a pro-Trump parade that came through town during the 2020 campaign diverted off the main street and stopped outside the home of Consaul and her wife, blaring horns to intimidate them.

The parade was an overt sign of friction.

But behind the shield of social media, where you can spout an opinion and not have to look someone in the eye, the tone has been rabid.

On Facebook, "people feel more free to just say whatever they want and attack," said a woman whose yard displays the pro-Trump sentiments of her husband and herself. "I've heard it all."

She asked not to be identified because of local tensions.

Off Facebook, she doesn't hesitate to visit Back Street, sizing up Moe as "definitely down the middle."

"We take our little one for milkshakes and things like that," she said.

So do the radical lefties. So do the just plain people.

They'll all shoot the breeze, ask about family, complain about the water bill or something.

That's America for you.

"It's affecting people," Moe said of the perils of this era. "Not me. Not in my bubble. We're going to be fine, everyone! We're going to land on our feet in my coffee bubble."

As the holidays wrap up, many on edge over virus

Parents, workers brace for unknown amid omicron fears

By Audra D.S. Burch, Stephanie Saul, Edgar Sandoval and Mitch Smith

The New York Times

In two short weeks, as the year closed out, the omicron variant drove coronavirus case counts to record levels, upended air travel and left gaping staffing holes at police departments, firehouses and hospitals.

And that was at a time when many people were off for the holidays.

Now comes Monday, with millions of Americans having traveled back home to start school and work again, and no one is sure of what comes next.

Most of the nation's largest school districts have decided to forge ahead and remain open, at least for the time being, citing the toll that remote learning has taken on students' mental health and academic success. And the rising number of cases has not yet been followed by a proportionate increase in hospitalizations and deaths, though hospitalizations have increased in recent days — a

sign that the omicron variant seems to cause fewer cases of severe illness.

But the highly contagious variant is still racing across the country, and teachers, parents and workplaces are bracing for the impact.

"I figured that over these two weeks of break, everyone has been everywhere visiting everybody," said Teresa Morrison, 48, who plans to keep her 8-year-old daughter Tristan, who suffers from severe bronchitis, from attending in-person classes in San Antonio. "So I really just anticipate January to be a disaster."

The rapid spread of the omicron variant has left companies across industries — from meatpacking to retail — with a thinning workforce, especially after months of record-high resignations. Thousands of flights have been canceled, and National Guard troops have been activated to help staff hospitals.

The spiking case counts have also flummoxed the dozens of companies that sent their employees to work from home in March 2020 as COVID-19 was first sweeping the country. Some offices that had reopened advised workers to stay home. Others, including major companies like Apple

and Google, have extended their work-from-home arrangements.

In schools, the spread of COVID-19 has been limited, but omicron has renewed some fears just as a sense of normalcy seemed within reach.

For many teachers, students and parents, the fall semester had seemed promising.

By mid-December, Brayden Boren, a high school English teacher in San Antonio, had begun to feel as if an end to the long, exhausting battle against the pandemic was within sight.

Then omicron arrived in Texas.

By the week of Dec. 11, it accounted for about 25% of all new infections, according to state data. A week later, it spiked to 85%. In the past two weeks, the number of new cases being reported each day in Texas has increased by 240%.

Boren, 27, who has not had the virus, saw it all around him.

"Even in my small, little friends group, they were popping up, one by one by one," he said. "No one was really getting it until now."

Now Boren is questioning whether a return to in-person learning makes any sense.



COVID-19 testing takes place Dec. 23 in Norristown, Pennsylvania. More than 70% of people 12 and older in the country are fully vaccinated. KRISTON JAE BETHEL/THE NEW YORK TIMES

"It's a hard time to be a teacher. How far can we push ourselves?"

Health officials have warned that the unvaccinated remain most at risk of severe illness or death from omicron.

More than 70% of people 12 and older in the United States are fully vaccinated, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About one-quarter of children between ages 5 and 11 have received at least one dose of a vaccine. Children younger than 5 are still not

eligible for them.

For business leaders, the constant change in public health conditions and guidelines has meant acclimating to a new level of flexibility.

"They don't give you a playbook at Harvard Business School on the pandemic," said Yancey Spruill, CEO of the tech company DigitalOcean, which told its staff it will allow remote work indefinitely.

Across the country, workers were steeling themselves for months of disruptions to

come.

"I've been working through most of the pandemic, and I hadn't tested positive before omicron," said Amelia Smoak, 29, who works at a restaurant and bar in Manhattan's East Village neighborhood. She is fully vaccinated but recently recovered from a mild case of COVID-19.

She added that business has gotten far slower as case counts rise: "Tips have been stable, but head count went down drastically."



Plastic glass keeps travelers separated as they line up Friday to clear security at Love Field in Dallas. LM OTERO/AP

Virus, storms lead to more canceled flights

Associated Press

For air travelers, the new year picked up where the old one left off — with lots of frustration.

More than 2,500 U.S. flights and nearly 4,200 worldwide had been canceled Saturday, according to tracking service FlightAware.

That is the highest single-day toll yet since just before Christmas, when airlines began blaming staffing shortages on increasing

COVID-19 infections among crews. More than 12,000 U.S. flights have been canceled since Dec. 24.

Saturday's disruptions weren't just due to the virus, however.

Wintry weather made Chicago the worst place in the country for travelers, with 800 flights scrubbed at O'Hare Airport and more than 250 at Midway Airport. Forecasts called for nine inches of snow. Denver, Detroit and Newark, New Jersey, were hit with at least

100 cancellations each.

Southwest Airlines canceled more than 450 flights nationwide, or 13% of its schedule. American Airlines scrubbed more than 200 flights, and Delta Air Lines and United Airlines dropped more than 150 apiece. SkyWest, a regional carrier that operates flights under the names American Eagle, Delta Connection and United Express, grounded more than 400 flights, or 21% of its schedule.

Among international

carriers, China Eastern scrubbed more than 500 flights, or about one-fourth of its total, and Air China canceled more than 200 flights, one-fifth of its schedule.

Travelers who stuck to the roads instead of the skies also faced challenges.

Transportation officials in the Midwest warned motorists that a mix of rain and snow could make roads slippery and reduce visibility, leading to hazardous driving conditions.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Pope embraces ‘good that unites us’ during uncertain virus times

From news services

VATICAN CITY — In his New Year’s wishes to the world, Pope Francis encouraged people Saturday to focus on the good that unites them and decried violence against women while acknowledging that the coronavirus pandemic has left many scared and struggling amid economic inequality.

“We are still living in uncertain and difficult times due to the pandemic,” Francis said. “Many are frightened about the future and burdened by social problems, personal problems, dangers stemming from the ecological crisis, injustices and by global economic imbalances.”

Thousands of Rome residents and tourists, wearing face masks as protection against the spread of the coronavirus, gathered in St. Peter’s Square on a sunny, mild day to hear Francis lay out his recipe for world peace, cheering his appearance.

Peace, the pope said, “demands concrete actions. It is built by being attentive to the least, by promoting justice, with the courage to forgive, thus extinguishing the fire of hatred.”

Francis, 85, also championed embracing a positive attitude, “one that always sees, in the Church as well as in society, not the evil which divides us, but the good that unites us.”

Earlier Saturday, in his homily during a Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica, Francis publicly ushered in 2022 by praising the skills that women bring to promoting peace in the world, and he equated violence against women to an offense against God.

The Roman Catholic Church marks Jan. 1 as a day dedicated to world peace,

and the basilica ceremony paid tribute to the Virgin Mary’s special place in the faith as the mother of Jesus.

Except for the pope and members of a chorus made up of boys and adults, participants in the Mass wore masks as part of COVID-19 precautions.

Outbreak in France: French authorities announced Saturday that children 6 and older will have to wear masks in indoor places open to the public as new cases of the highly contagious omicron variant surge past 200,000 for the fourth consecutive day.

By lowering the age of children obligated to wear masks from 11 to 6, the government is hoping to avoid shutting down schools after the holiday break. Classes resume Monday. The mask mandate also extends to outdoor spaces in cities such as Paris and Lyon that have recently re-introduced mask wearing outside.

On the first day of the new year, France registered 219,126 new infections, down only slightly from the daily record of 232,200 noted on the last day of 2021.

Exchanging lists: South Asian archrivals India and Pakistan exchanged lists of each other’s citizens held in prison Saturday through their respective diplomats in Islamabad and New Delhi.

The two sides also exchanged lists of their nuclear assets and facilities under an agreement in place for three decades, according to official statements from the two nuclear-armed rivals.

Pakistan and India have had strained relations since their independence from colonial British rule in 1947 over the Himalayan region of Kashmir.



Hundreds of Ukrainian nationalists hold a torchlight march Saturday in the capital of Kyiv to mark the birthday of Stepan Bandera, leader of a rebel militia that fought against the Soviet regime and alongside Nazi soldiers in World War II. Jewish groups associate Bandera’s followers with the massacre of Jews. Bandera, 50, was assassinated in 1959. **EFREM LUKATSKY/AP**

Deaths in Kashmir: A crowd surge at a popular Hindu shrine in Indian-controlled Kashmir killed at least 12 people and injured 15 others on New Year’s Day, officials said.

Initial reports suggested an altercation between a group of devotees led to the crush early Saturday at the Mata Vaishnav Devi shrine, where tens of thousands of Hindus gathered to pay respects in the hilly town of Katra near southern Jammu city.

The pilgrimage resumed after nearly four hours, officials said. An investigation was underway.

Rally in Baghdad: Chanting anti-American slogans, hundreds of people rallied in the Iraqi capital Saturday to mark the anniversary of the killing of a powerful Iranian general and a top Iraqi militia leader in a U.S. drone strike.

The crowd called for the expulsion of remaining U.S. forces from Iraq during the

demonstration commemorating the airstrike at Baghdad airport.

The strike killed Gen. Qassim Soleimani, who was the head of Iran’s elite Quds Force, and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, deputy commander of Iran-backed militias in Iraq known as the Popular Mobilization Forces.

The killing of Soleimani and al-Muhandis at Baghdad’s airport pushed Iran and the United States close to all-out conflict and sparked outrage in Iraq, leading parliament to pass a non-binding resolution days later calling for the expulsion of all foreign troops from Iraq.

The U.S.-led coalition formally ended its combat mission supporting Iraqi forces in the ongoing fight against the Islamic State group at the end of December.

Some 2,500 troops will remain to continue supporting Iraqi forces in an advisory role.

Mourning in Austria: The Holocaust survivor Gertrude Pressburger, who became famous during Austria’s 2016 presidential campaign with a video message in which “Mrs. Gertrude” warned of hatred and exclusion triggered by the far right, has died at 94.

Pressburger died Friday after a long illness, her family told the Austrian press agency APA on Saturday.

Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen tweeted that “the death of Gertrude Pressburger fills me with deep sadness ... Mrs. Pressburger had the courage to tell her story as a Holocaust survivor. She had the courage to stand by her opinion. To address facts. To speak the truth.”

Pressburger was born and raised in Vienna, the daughter of a carpenter. Her Jewish family converted to Catholicism in the early 1930s, but that did not keep them from being persecuted by the Nazis after Austria

was annexed by Germany in 1938.

After her father was arrested and tortured by the Nazis’ Gestapo secret police for alleged political activity, the family was able to escape to Yugoslavia and later to Italy, APA reported.

In 1944, the family was captured and deported to the Nazis’ Auschwitz death camp in Germany-occupied Poland, where her mother and two younger brothers were murdered. Her father was also killed by the Nazis.

Pressburger returned to Vienna after the war, but initially did not talk about her horrific sufferings during the Holocaust. Eventually, she decided to open up about the Holocaust and about the antisemitic experiences she suffered in post-war Austria.

She also published a memoir that she co-wrote with author Marlene Grohhofer. In “Lived, Experienced, Survived” she described her family’s arrival in Auschwitz in 1944.

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WORLD & NATION

US slams door on Afghans’ hopes

Many in search of temporary entry routinely denied

By Philip Marcelo and Amy Taxin
Associated Press

BOSTON — Haseena Niazi had pinned her hopes of getting her fiance out of Afghanistan on a rarely used immigration provision. The 24-year-old Massachusetts resident was almost certain his application for humanitarian parole would get approved by the U.S. government, considering the evidence he provided on the threats from the Taliban he received while working on women’s health issues at a hospital near Kabul. But last month, the request was summarily denied, leaving the couple reeling after months of anxiety.

“He had everything they wanted,” said Niazi, a green card holder originally from Afghanistan. “It doesn’t make any sense why they’d reject it. It’s like a bad dream. I still can’t believe it.” Federal immigration officials have issued denial letters to hundreds of Afghans seeking temporary entry into the country for humanitarian reasons in recent weeks, to the dismay of Afghans and their supporters. By doing so, immigrant advocates say, the Biden administration has failed to honor its promise to help Afghans who were left behind after the U.S. military withdrew from the country in August and the Taliban took control. “It was a huge disappointment,” said Caitlin Rowe, a Texas attorney who said she recently received five denials, including one for an Afghan police officer who helped train U.S. troops and was beaten by the Taliban. “These are vulnerable people who genuinely thought there was hope, and I don’t think there was.” Since the U.S. with-



Haseena Niazi, above, saw her fiance’s humanitarian parole application denied last month by the U.S. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

drawal, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has received more than 35,000 applications for humanitarian parole, of which it has denied about 470 and conditionally approved more than 140, Victoria Palmer, an agency spokesperson, said late last month. The little-known program, which doesn’t provide a path to lawful permanent residence in the country, typically receives fewer than 2,000 requests annually from all nationalities, of which USCIS approves an average of about 500, she said. Palmer also stressed humanitarian parole is generally reserved for extreme emergencies and not intended to replace the refugee admissions process, “which is the typical pathway for individuals outside of the United States who have fled their country of origin and are seeking protection.” The U.S. government,

meanwhile, continues to help vulnerable Afghans, evacuating more than 900 American citizens and residents and another 2,200 Afghans since the military withdrawal. The state department said it expects to help resettle as many as 95,000 people from Afghanistan this fiscal year, a process that includes rigorous background checks and vaccinations. Many of them, however, had been whisked out of Afghanistan before the U.S. left. Now, USCIS is tasked with this new wave of humanitarian parole applications and has ramped up staffing to consider them. The agency said in a statement that requests are reviewed on an individual basis, with consideration given to immediate relatives of Americans and Afghans airlifted out. And while USCIS stressed that parole shouldn’t replace refugee processing, immigrant advocates argue

that isn’t a viable option for Afghans stuck in their country due to a disability or hiding from the Taliban. Even those able to get out of Afghanistan, they say, may be forced to wait years in refugee camps, which isn’t something many can afford to do. Mohammad, who asked that his last name not be used out of fear for his family’s safety, said his older brother, who used to work for international organizations, is among them. He has been in hiding since the Taliban came looking for him following the U.S. withdrawal, Mohammad said. On a recent visit to the family home, Taliban members took his younger brother instead and held him more than a week for ransom, he said. Now, Mohammad, a former translator for U.S. troops in Afghanistan who lives in California with a special immigration status, is seeking parole for this brother,

too. He hopes a conditional approval letter can get them a spot on one of the U.S. evacuation flights still running out of the country. “I can provide him housing. I can provide him everything,” he said. Immigrant advocates began filing humanitarian parole applications for Afghans in August in a last-ditch effort to get them on U.S. evacuation flights out of the country before the withdrawal. In some cases, it worked, and word spread among immigration attorneys that parole, while typically used in extreme emergencies, might be a way out, said Kyra Lilien, director of immigration legal services at Jewish Family & Community Services in California’s East Bay. Soon, attorneys began filing thousands of parole applications for Afghans. When the U.S. immigration agency created a website specifically to

address these applications, Lilien said she thought it was a sign of hope. By November, however, the agency had posted a list of narrow criteria for Afghan applicants and held a webinar telling attorneys that parole is typically granted only if there’s evidence someone faces “imminent severe harm.” A few weeks later, the denial letters began arriving. Lilien has received more than a dozen but no approvals. Wogai Mohmand, an attorney who helps lead the Afghan-focused Project ANAR, said that the group has filed thousands of applications and that since the U.S. troop withdrawal, has seen only denials. In Massachusetts, the International Institute of New England is holding off filing new applications until it hears on those that are pending after receiving a flurry of denials. Chiara St. Pierre, an attorney for the refugee resettlement agency, said she feels clients like Niazi are facing an “unwinnable” battle. For Niazi’s fiance, they had provided copies of written threats sent to the hospital where he works as a medical technician and threatening text messages he said came from Taliban members, she said. It wasn’t enough. A redacted copy of the denial letter provided by St. Pierre lists the USCIS criteria released in November but doesn’t specify why the agency rejected the application, which had been filed in August. For now, Niazi says her fiance is far from Kabul as they weigh their options. They could wait until Niazi becomes an American citizen so she can try to bring him here on a fiance visa, but that would take years. “He can’t wait that long. It’s a miracle every day that he’s alive,” Niazi said. “I’m feeling like every door is closing in on him.”



New York nurse Sandra Lindsay receives a dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine Dec. 14, 2020. She was the first person in the country to get the COVID-19 vaccine. MARK LENNIHAN/AP

First to get a COVID-19 shot in US now a vaccine activist

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

She became a vaccine celebrity by accident. Since being hailed as the first person in the United States to get a COVID-19 vaccine, New York nurse Sandra Lindsay has become a prominent face in the country’s biggest vaccination campaign, promoting the shots on panels, in Zoom town halls and at other events. “I encourage people to speak to experts who can answer their questions, to access trusted science. I let them know that it’s OK to ask questions,” said Lindsay, who has spoken at events in the U.S. and Jamaica, where she is from. Lindsay got her shot in a widely televised moment on Dec. 14, 2020, as the U.S. was kicking off its vaccination effort. After getting emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration just days earlier, the first shipments of COVID-19 vaccines had been arriving at hospitals for high-risk health care workers. It was a tough time for Lindsay, who saw the

impact of COVID-19 up close at Northwell Health’s Long Island Jewish Medical Center in the Queens borough of New York. “I just felt broken, defeated, just tired and burned out,” said Lindsay, director of critical care nursing at the hospital. “Witnessing the overwhelming loss of lives, loss of livelihoods.” Northwell Health said it asked for volunteers to get the shots, and that Lindsay “happened to go first” among those who raised their hands. The moment was aired on TV, and she became widely regarded as the first American to get the shot outside of a clinical trial. Since then, Lindsay has been recognized by President Joe Biden as an “Outstanding American by Choice,” a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services program that recognizes naturalized U.S. citizens. With the arrival of the omicron variant and new surges around the country, Lindsay’s still addressing fears and misinformation. Some mistakenly believe the shots aren’t needed if they eat well and exercise,

Lindsay said. Others say the vaccines are a way for the government to track people, or an experiment on Black people. She said she acknowledges the mistrust in communities of color, which stems from past history. But she reassures people by noting she did her own research before getting her shot, and that there are safeguards in place. “We’ve had millions and millions of people around the world get vaccinated without any significant adverse event,” she said. She also stresses that getting a shot will help protect others. Some worries, like fear of needles, can be easier to address, she said. After children became eligible for the vaccines, Lindsay offered comfort to a 9-year-old girl getting her shot at the hospital. She had to decline the girl’s request to vaccinate her since she’s not a pediatric nurse, but offered to hold her hand — and did. Later, Lindsay got a letter from the girl saying how much the gesture had meant.

On 1st day, NYC mayor vows to tackle coronavirus, crime

By Michelle L. Price
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City’s new mayor, Eric Adams, pledged Saturday to steer the nation’s largest city out of the pandemic by drawing on the resiliency of its people and promising a government that works better, even if it’s not radically different. Hours after being sworn into office in Times Square as the city rang in the new year, Adams used his inaugural address to promise more efficiency, invoke New Yorkers’ reputation for toughness, and urge the city’s nearly 9 million residents to make a New Year’s resolution that their lives not be controlled by the pandemic.

“Getting vaccinated is not letting the crisis control you,” Adams said at City Hall. “Enjoying a Broadway show. Sending your kids to school. Going back to the office. These are declarations of confidence that our city is our own.” Adams, 61, faces the immense challenge of pulling the city out of the pandemic, taking office as the city is grappling with record numbers of COVID-19 cases driven by the omicron variant. The city has also been facing a rise in violent crime, particularly in shootings and killings, that is part of part of a national trend in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Adams, a former New York City police captain, kicked off his first day as mayor by calling 911 to report two men fighting, and later in the day promised to aggressively go after violent crime while holding a news conference about a police officer who was shot and injured hours earlier. While the new mayor has pledged to keep the city open and stave off any return to shutdowns, he is taking the helm of a



New York City Mayor Eric Adams arrives at City Hall on his first day in office Saturday. Adams, a former New York City police captain, took the subway to City Hall. SETH WENIG/AP

city that has seen subway lines, restaurants and even urgent care centers temporarily close because of staffing shortages driven by COVID-19 cases. Adams said this week that he plans to keep in place many of the policies of outgoing Mayor Bill de Blasio, including vaccine mandates that are among the strictest in the nation. In his Saturday address, Adams also said he would take a “radically practical” approach to improving the city’s government that involves not just “grand plans and proposals,” but also “weeding out waste and eliminating the inefficiencies.” Adams and his new police commissioner, Keechant Sewel, held an afternoon news conference outside a hospital after a police officer was shot Saturday while sleeping in his vehicle in a precinct parking lot between shifts. The officer is expected to fully recover. Adams declared that New York is “not going to be a city of violence.” “I am clear on my mission to aggressively go after those who are carrying

violent weapons in our city,” he said. Adams rode the subway from his Brooklyn brownstone to City Hall for his first day on the job. Adams chatted with New Yorkers and a throng of reporters following him. While waiting for the train, he called 911 to report a fight after witnessing two men tussling near the subway station. Hours earlier, as confetti continued to drift across Times Square, Adams recited his oath of office. Associate Justice Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix of the state Supreme Court’s appellate division swore Adams in as he placed one hand on a family Bible and his other held a photograph of his mother, Dorothy, who died in 2020. After canceling initial plans to be sworn into office at a Brooklyn theater, Adams said Saturday that he chose to hold his inauguration ceremony at the scene of the New Year’s Eve ball drop to show that the city was open and alive and “that New York can and should be the center of the universe again.”

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Solstice bolsters Mount Sinai claim

Could phenomenon be the burning bush in Book of Exodus?

By Isabel Kershner
The New York Times

MOUNT KARKOM, Israel — The mountain kept its secrets for centuries, its air of sacred mystery enhanced by a remote location in the Negev desert in southern Israel.

But one day last month, hundreds of Israeli adventurers headed deep into the wilderness to reach Mount Karkom, determined to get closer to answering a question as intriguing as it is controversial: Is this the Mount Sinai of the Bible, where God is believed to have communicated with Moses?

Mount Sinai’s location has long been disputed by scholars both religious and academic, and there are a dozen more traditional contenders, most in the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt.

But Mount Karkom’s claim has gained support because of an annual natural phenomenon that an intrepid group of archaeology and nature enthusiasts had come to witness for themselves.

In 2003, a local Israeli guide and ecologist was atop Karkom’s vast plateau around the time of the winter solstice when he came upon a marvel. At midday, with the sun low in the sky on one of the shortest days of the year, he spotted a strange aura of light, flickering like flames, emanating from a spot on a sheer rock face.

It was sunlight reflected at a particular angle off the sides of a cave, but the discovery soon made its way to Israeli television and was fancifully named “the burning bush.” Perhaps this, some said, was the supernatural fire that, according to the Book of Exodus, Moses saw on the holy mountain



Mount Karkom is seen Dec. 21 in the Negev Desert in southern Israel. AMIT ELKAYAM/THE NEW YORK TIMES

when God first spoke to him, and where he would later receive the Ten Commandments as he led the Israelites out of Egypt.

The burning bush, never consumed by the fire, is symbolic in Judaism, Christianity, Islam and other faiths.

But decades before this accidental astronomical discovery, Mount Karkom was already captivating some archaeologists with hints that the site had played an important spiritual role thousands of years in the past.

More than a half-century ago, Emmanuel Anati, a young Italian archaeologist, found an extraordinary concentration of thousands of rock carvings and rock circles as he surveyed the plateau of Mount Karkom, about 2,500 feet above sea level. Among the rock drawings are many of ibexes, but

also some that have been interpreted as depicting the tablets of the commandments or other references from the Bible.

At the base of Mount Karkom, there is evidence that ancient migration trails converged here and that cultic rituals took place in the area. Anati identified what he thought was a sacrificial altar with the remains of 12 pillars of stone that could conceivably correspond to the one described in Exodus 24 that Moses built, representing the 12 tribes of Israel.

In his writings, Anati said he had not set out to look for Mount Sinai. But after years of fieldwork and exploration, he proposed in the early 1980s that, on the basis of topographical and archaeological evidence, Mount Karkom “should be identified with the sacred

mountain of the biblical narrations.”

But aside from usual difficulties of desert archaeology — nomads tend to leave few permanent traces — and the whole question of whether any archaeology could be tied to the biblical story of the Exodus at all, Anati’s theory posed a problem of chronology.

Israel Finkelstein, a professor emeritus of archaeology at Tel Aviv University in Israel and an early critic of Anati’s theory, said that most or all of the datable sites around Mount Karkom are from the third millennium B.C. The Exodus, if it happened, is generally dated to around 1600 to 1200 B.C.

“So there is more than one millennium gap between the reality at Karkom and the biblical tradition,” Finkelstein said.

However heated the academic debate, the air was chilly when a convoy of jeeps set out for the mountain through jagged terrain at dawn on the day of the winter solstice.

As the group arrived in the parking lot at the foot of Mount Karkom, there was an unexpected bonus: Anati, now in his early 90s, sitting in a deck chair, holding court.

In the search for Mount Sinai, Anati said, some insist for political or nationalistic reasons that the site must be within the borders of Israel. Others, for religious reasons, say it must be outside the borders, to comply with the tradition of the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land.

“None of these approaches is correct; one must seek the truth,” Anati

said. “I bring all the opinions and evidence and let the reader decide for themselves,” he added.


After a steep climb up Karkom to its plateau, scores peered across a ravine to spy the “burning bush.” It was possible to make out a strange, if faint, glow, although some visitors expressed disappointment that the aura was not more fiery.

Shahar Shilo, a researcher who manages the Negev Highlands Tourism cooperative, spoke of the importance for ancient peoples of being able to measure the seasons for agricultural purposes, and the holiness imbued in those who could identify with precision the shortest day of the calendar.

Whether this is Mount Sinai and the winter solstice phenomenon the burning bush “is in the eye of the beholder,” Shilo said.

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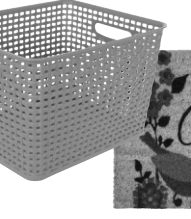


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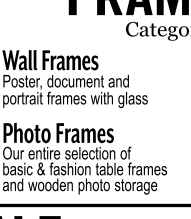



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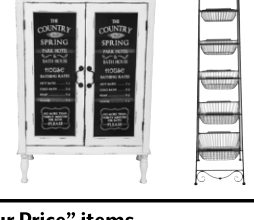


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Tom Randeale, whose real name according to authorities is Ted Conrad, tends to golf clubs in Ayer, Massachusetts. Conrad was a former Ohio bank teller-turned-thief. **BOB VAN WERT 2012**

Family man’s 50-year secret

Boston-area car salesman was also fugitive in Cleveland bank robbery

By John Seewer and Jennifer McDermott
Associated Press

Just before Thomas Randeale died, his wife of nearly 40 years asked his golfing buddies and his co-workers from the dealerships where he sold cars to come by their home.

They gathered to say goodbye to a guy they called one of the nicest people they’d ever known — a devoted family man who gushed about his daughter, a golfer who never bent the rules, a friend to so many that a line stretched outside the funeral home a week later.

By the time of their final visit in last May at Randeale’s suburban Boston home, the cancer in his lungs had taken away his voice. So they all left without knowing that their friend they’d spent countless hours swapping stories with never told them his biggest secret of all.

For the past 50 years, he was a fugitive wanted in one of the largest bank robberies in Cleveland’s history, living under a new name he created six months after the heist in the summer of 1969.

Not even his wife or daughter knew until he told them in what authorities described as a deathbed confession.

How he was able to leave behind one family and create a new life — while evading a father and son from the U.S. Marshals Service who never gave up their hunt — is just now being pieced together.

Ted Conrad quickly figured out that security was fairly loose at the Society National Bank in Cleveland after he started as a teller in January 1969.

He told his buddies, “It’d be so easy for me to walk out with all kinds of money,” Russell Metcalf, his best friend from high school, said in an interview with The Associated Press. They thought he was blowing smoke when he brought it up a few more times.

Then just a day after his 20th birthday that July, Conrad walked out at closing time on a Friday with a paper bag stuffed with \$215,000 from the vault — a haul worth \$1.6 million today.

By the time the missing money was noticed the following Monday, Conrad was flying across the country. Letters sent to his girlfriend showed he made stops in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles within the first week.

In one letter, he mistakenly thought he could return in seven years when the statute of limitations expired.

But once he was indicted, that was no longer true.

Conrad apparently cut off contact with his entire family, including three siblings and his parents, who were divorced. Some family members eventually presumed he was dead because so many years had passed, said Matt Boettger, whose mother was Conrad’s older sister.

His mom, he said, was relieved more than anything to find out her brother had lived a happy life.

“She thought she would go to her grave and never know,” he said.

1969 robbery

The bank heist 52 years ago didn’t capture the attention of the nation, or even the city of Cleveland. Everyone else was focused on Apollo 11’s historic flight to the moon that week.

But for John Elliott, a deputy U.S. marshal, it was personal. He and Conrad came from the same side of town. Elliott used to take his family to the ice cream shop where Conrad worked. They shared a doctor.

The problem was that Conrad’s head start allowed him to disappear, and he was disciplined enough not to make any missteps. The last credible sighting came in October 1969, when a Cleveland couple visiting Hawaii met a man they later realized looked very much like Conrad.

Elliott traveled across the U.S. looking for Conrad and even after retiring in 1990 he would come in the office just about every week and pore over the files, said his son, Pete Elliott, now the top U.S. marshal in Cleveland, who inherited the hunt for Conrad nearly 20 years ago.

His father died in March 2020 before investigators pieced together details from Randeale’s obituary and signatures from his past.

Then in November, Randeale’s family confirmed that just before he died he told them his real identity and what he had done, Elliott said.

“It always stayed on my dad’s mind,” he said. “We kept this case going because it was important to my father.”

Why Conrad committed the robbery has been analyzed endlessly.

“It wasn’t about the money. He always wanted to impress people,” said Metcalf, his high school pal, who remembered how Conrad once stole a deck of cards just to prove he could. “He had no fear.”

Investigators believe he was inspired by the 1968



Pete Elliott, the top U.S. marshal in Cleveland, inherited the hunt for fugitive bank robber Ted Conrad almost 20 years ago from his father, deputy marshal John Elliott. **KEN BLAZE/AP**

movie “The Thomas Crown Affair,” about a bank executive who got away with \$2.6 million and turned the heist into a game.

Conrad saw the film at least six times and copied Steve McQueen’s character, driving sports cars and drinking high-end liquor, according to friends.

After the real-life robbery in Cleveland, Conrad wound up in the Boston area, where much of the movie was filmed. It’s a good possibility that he chose his new first name “Thomas” based on the movie, Elliott said.

“He modeled his whole life after the movie,” he said.

New identity

The man known as Thomas Randeale came into existence the first week of January in 1970, investigators have found in recent weeks. That’s when Conrad walked into a Social Security Administration office in Boston, asked for an identification number under his new name and made himself two years older, Elliott said.

At that time, it wasn’t unusual to wait until you were an adult, so his application didn’t raise any red

flags.

With a new identification card, he was able to open a bank account, build credit and create his new life, Elliott said.

During the 1970s, Randeale worked as an assistant golf pro, giving lessons at a country club outside Boston and later becoming its manager. He spent a few winters golfing in Florida, according to his obituary.

He also met his future wife not long after arriving in Boston. They were married in 1982.

Around then he began working in the car business, selling Land Rovers and Volvos at a handful of dealerships until he retired after nearly 40 years.

It was a job that put him in front of dozens of strangers every day.

What’s not clear is what happened to the money. The Marshals Service is looking into whether he lost it early on through bad investments.

While Randeale and his wife, Kathy, lived most of their years in a pleasant Boston suburb, they filed for bankruptcy protection in 2014. Court records showed they then owed \$160,000 in credit card debt and had few

assets.

His wife told Cleveland.com in November that her husband was a great man and that she was still grieving. She has declined interview requests.

No one would have guessed that Randeale, who was 71 when he died, was someone trying to hide from authorities.

Among the many people he became friends with over the years was an FBI agent in Boston, Elliott said.

He never shied away from anyone on the golf course or in the auto showrooms where he’d keep a set of clubs and swing his 7-iron when sales were slow.

“He was just a gentle soul, you know, very polite, very well spoken,” said Jerry Healy, who first met Randeale at a Woburn, Mass., dealership where they talked daily for years.

The two were among a group five or six car salesmen who stuck together for much of their careers. None of them, Healy said, ever suspected something like this in Randeale’s past.

“It never dawned on us, and that’s a half a dozen guys that aren’t shy to fool,” he said.

His former co-workers said they never heard Randeale say a bad word about anybody or raise his voice. They all said he was the best golfer they ever knew. Everyone wanted him on their side when there was a tournament.

He wasn’t much of a drinker and never put down any side bets while playing, said Bob Van Wert, who first met Randeale while golfing and then later worked with him.

They remembered he could always control his emotions and rarely got upset, even on the course, where he had such a pretty swing that he once bested Hall of Fame golfer Johnny Miller at a charity event, his former boss remembered.

Matt Kaplan, who managed two dealerships where Randeale worked and golfed with him every Sunday morning for many years, called him the definition of a gentleman.

“The only way it makes sense is that at that age he was just a kid, and it was a challenge kind of thing,” Kaplan said. “It’s not like he became a professional bank robber.”

“If he would have told us way back when, I don’t think we would have believed him because he wasn’t that kind of guy,” he said. “The man was different than the kid.”

Looking back

In the early days after Randeale’s identity was revealed, his friends couldn’t believe it.

But now looking back, there are a few things that make sense.

How he always had a beard. The photos of him wearing dark sunglasses on the golf course. His reluctance to talk about where he grew up or his extended family.

“You know all the years I knew Tommy, I never heard him mention a sister or a mother or a brother or a father. Everything was kind of generalized,” Healy said.

“You could never pry anything from him,” said Brad Anthony, another close friend. “I figured maybe he had a bad childhood and he didn’t want to talk about it.”

Still, he said it’s almost impossible to believe. “It just seems so out of character for the Tom I knew,” he said.

All of his friends agreed that what happened long ago hasn’t changed how they feel about him.

“The man I knew didn’t change all of a sudden because of something he did a lifetime ago,” Healy said. “He was a good man, he was my friend and I think no less of him today than I did before this all came out. And I’d love to go play a round of golf with him.”

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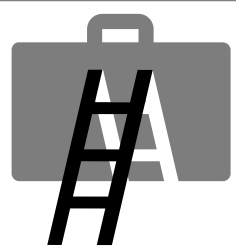
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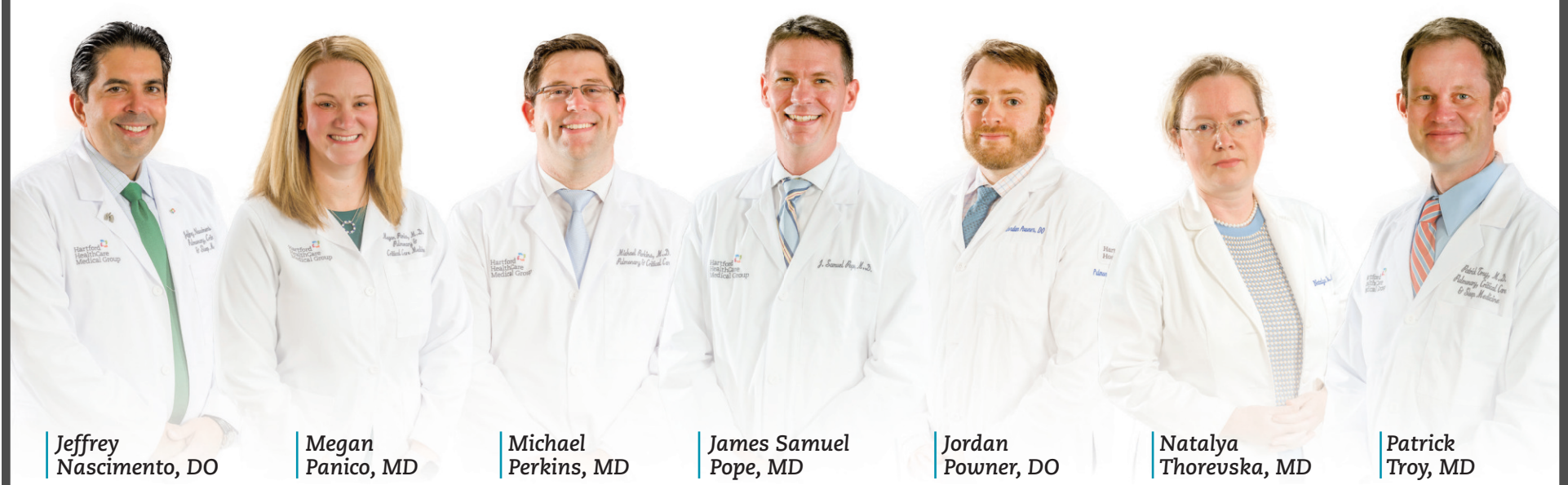
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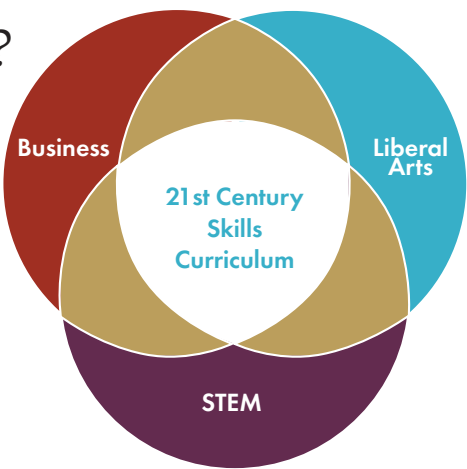
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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Hospitals: ‘We are overrun’

Workers describe dire situation as COVID-19 cases mount in state

By Alex Puterman
Hartford Courant

During this recent wave of COVID-19 infections in Connecticut, Sherri Dayton has grown used to long shifts, sometimes without breaks, treating more patients at a time than a nurse is supposed to. She has seen hallways lined with stretchers and watched patients wait hours or even days for a hospital bed.

In 21 years working in emergency departments, she has never seen things quite like this.

“It’s never been this hard,” said Dayton, a nurse and union leader at Backus Hospital in Norwich. “It’s always been hard, and we’ve always had a staffing shortage as long as I can remember, but it’s never been this bad.”

Last week, a Yale physician sent Gov. Ned Lamont a virtual petition with more than 1,000 signatures, asking the governor to expand testing and implement a statewide mask mandate for indoor settings as hospitals face “another crisis of capacity and staffing and, most importantly, the risk of needless, preventable sustaining.”

Connecticut reported a sharp rise in hospitalizations due to COVID-19 Wednesday, with 150 additional patients. As of Thurs-

day, there were 1,151 people hospitalized with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in the state and 71.2% weren’t fully vaccinated.

In Norwich, health care workers are increasingly exhausted, Dayton said, citing a recent shift during which three nurses were responsible for 22 patients — far out of line with the recommended ratio — and some patients were stuck in the emergency department as long as 24 hours. As AFT Connecticut’s vice president for health care, she said she often hears from colleagues across Connecticut with similar stories.

“This is not just happening here at Backus,” she said. “This is

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Shari Dayton, a nurse and union leader at Backus Hospital in Norwich, said hospital staff are at their breaking point amid the latest COVID-19 surge.
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Home sales in Hartford County and much of Connecticut remained strong in 2021, but buyers found a dwindling number of properties. **LOU OATES/GETTY**

Pandemic fuels strong home sales

Market in 2021 a welcome change from struggles of last decade

By Kenneth R. Gosselin | Hartford Courant

The strongest residential real estate market in a decade — touched off by the pandemic — set the stage for 2021’s home buying frenzy across much of Connecticut, which was boosted by a shift in housing needs as a result of COVID-19 and marked by surging sale prices.

Three times — in February, March and July — the Hartford metro area drew national attention for its stunning drop in inventory of homes for sale in countrywide rankings of hot home sale markets by real estate giant RE/MAX. The Hartford metro area, which includes Hartford, Tolland and Middlesex counties, topped the list of 53 metros in February for inventory declines.

“We are literally calling people in neighborhoods and saying, ‘Listen, do you know anyone who wants to sell?’ ” Alison Malkin, head broker at RE/MAX Essentia in Avon, said in an interview in March.

The Hartford Courant selected the state’s home sale market as one of the top 10 stories for 2021. Courant editors selected the top stories of the year based on reader interest and signifi-

cance.

The plunge in inventory set up one of the strongest sellers’ markets in years as buyers aggressively sought out properties. Some of the most attractive listings received dozens of offers, and sale prices routinely rose above the asking price.

“When they are talking about inventory levels being extremely low, it’s literally unheard of, what we are seeing,” Kurt Potter, a real estate broker at RE/MAX Right Choice Real Estate in Glastonbury, said in an April interview. “I’ve never seen this in the 25, 26 years of doing this ever, not even close.”

The frenzied pace of buying and selling began in 2020, touched off by the pandemic. Activity was driven in part by buyers fleeing urban areas such as New York and Boston after gaining

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new freedom in the remote workplace.

But it also was heavily influenced by buyers already in the state needing more space as they settled into remote working and schooling. As the pandemic dragged on through the year, some large corporate employers in the Hartford area moved to make working from home permanent for some of their employees.

Strong home sales marched through much of the 2021, ignoring more traditional seasonal buying and selling periods, including the spring, long considered to be the most active of the year.

The dramatic upswing in sales was welcome in the Greater Hartford and Connecticut home sale markets, much of which had struggled since a deep housing downturn in the late 2000s.

Some worried that an overheated market could tank, but real estate agents said they expected the state’s market to settle into more normal buying and selling patterns in 2022.

By the fall of 2021, there were the

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In-class lessons pushing ahead

But officials concerned over staffing; union reps call for virtual option

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

With students set to return from winter break on Monday, the state Department of Education is reminding school districts that closing schools due to COVID-19 outbreaks “is generally not permitted” under state law, but that “very limited exceptions” will be allowed.

Remote learning will be allowed when students must be in isolation due to a confirmed COVID-19 infection or after close contact with a confirmed case, according to a memo from Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, the state commissioner of education, sent to schools late last week. Students will also be allowed to remain at home “in rare and individualized circumstances” when there are family members with an unusual vulnerability to COVID-19. Remote learning may also be used for special education students “in rare cases.”

But in school districts across Connecticut, there’s now a creeping concern that rising COVID-19 cases could plunge public schools into a staffing crisis, according to Frances Rabinowitz, executive director of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents.

School officials have long stressed that the safety of students, faculty and staff is their top priority, but staffing has emerged as a “major concern” among superintendents, Rabinowitz said, amid record COVID-19 numbers and an insistence from school districts and state leaders to keep schools open.

Rabinowitz said superintendents are prepared to do whatever it takes to avoid moving instruction online.

“You may have an assistant superintendent or a director of human resources that may need to take over a classroom for part of the day [for a sick teacher],” Rabinowitz said. “They feel that strongly that the students need that consistency, and they need to be back in full, in person.”

Improved mitigation

In a letter to parents, West Hartford Superintendent of Schools Tom Moore was blunt.

“I understand why some would prefer us to set up another remote learning option. We simply cannot do that,” Moore wrote. “The state of Connecticut does not consider remote learning as an alternative this year to in-school days, and any remote days for the district would need to be made up. We also do not have the staffing necessary to set up a large scale remote learning school like we did last year.”

“We will ramp up our mitigation efforts due to the high

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A “prone team,” wearing personal protective equipment, prepares to turn a COVID-19 patient onto his stomach in a Stamford Hospital intensive care unit. JOHN MOORE/GETTY

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happening across the state.”

State officials say Connecticut has sufficient hospital capacity to manage its latest COVID-19 outbreak without taking dramatic action to curb the spread of the virus, such as closures or a mask mandate. Many hospital officials, including those at Hartford HealthCare, which runs Backus Hospital, have similarly offered assurance that they have the staff and space to deal with the current surge.

Asked Tuesday about the scene Dayton described at Backus, Hartford HealthCare East Region President Donna Handley said in a statement that officials “remain laser focused on the numbers as volume fluctuates, and continue to be agile with our surge plan to accommodate capacity needs.”

But people working in hospital intensive care units and emergency rooms tell a different story. They describe overstressed employees straining to care for not only COVID-19 patients but also those with other conditions — while hoping to avoid getting sick themselves.

Dr. Mark Siegel, a pulmonary and critical care physician at Yale New Haven Hospital, says the combination of a surge in patients and a shortage of employees (due to attrition, burnout and illness) has created dangerous conditions.

“We are overrun,” said Siegel, who organized the petition submitted to Lamont. “We have people spending extended periods of time in emergency rooms because there

aren’t beds.”

Siegel said he fears what will happen if COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to increase in the coming weeks.

“When you get to a point where you have more sick patients than you have beds to put them in, then you create a crisis in the hospitals,” Siegel said. “That’s the fear as the numbers rise.”

Max Reiss, a Lamont spokesperson, said the governor had seen the petition and that his administration “continues to be in touch with all our health care system peers around the state.”

At Yale New Haven Hospital, the crisis point Siegel described may have already arrived. Jeannette Bronsord, executive director of nursing for surgical services, said Tuesday that the hospital had seen a spike in COVID-19 patients in recent days, leading to “very full” medical ICUs.

Bronsord said Yale New Haven had begun using different parts of the hospital to treat ICU patients and that officials were considering whether to cancel some nonessential procedures to free up space and staff. For now, they’re left to prioritize care for the sickest patients and leave others waiting in emergency rooms.

“There will be some delays and holding in our emergency rooms,” Bronsord said. “As much as we try to avoid it, it will happen.”

As spokesperson for St. Francis Hospital in Hartford said the hospital “continues to work through the pandemic-related staffing challenges we are facing, including staff turnover and difficulty in recruitment of new, qualified staff.”

As of Thursday, Connecticut had 1,151 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, the most at a time since last January. Though some research suggests the omicron variant, which has recently become dominant in Connecticut, causes less severe illness than other strains, experts fear that a wave of cases as large as the state has seen will inevitably cause a rise in hospitalizations.

Dr. Manisha Juthani, Connecticut’s public health commissioner, said state officials are monitoring the situation.

“We know that our hospitals have been working very hard and that there are many patients who are in the hospitals,” she said Monday. “We are in close contact with our hospitals on a regular basis to be able to determine what other things we need to be able to do to handle that situation.”

Dayton, the Backus Hospital nurse and union leader, said she doesn’t understand what she sees as a lack of urgency from officials. At Hartford HealthCare, officials said as recently as Monday that the health system had “sufficient capacity” and wasn’t close to a crisis point.

“I don’t think they’re talking to their nurses at the bedside or listening to them,” Dayton said. “Maybe their testing supply is not at a breaking point, maybe their ventilators are not at their breaking point, but their staff are at their breaking point. I talk to nurses every day all day from across the state, and they’re exhausted.”

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first signs of a modest slowdown as residential sales eased a bit, though the number of homes on the market remained tight.

“So, it’s definitely slowed — and I don’t mean it’s crashing — it’s slowed from the frenzy,” RE/MAX Essential’s Malkin, said in an interview in October. “You’re not having bloody wars. That doesn’t mean you’re not having bidding wars. We just went live with a listing a couple of days ago and got a bunch of offers, but not 44 offers. We’re talking four offers. And did we sell it for over asking? Absolutely.”

The pipeline of residential properties became further constrained. Sellers who might have considered putting their house up for sale worried that they might not be able to find another property to buy.

Other would-be sellers, agents said, looked at recent low-rate mortgage refinancings and decided to stay put, rather than jumping into the purchasing fray.

Homeowners who did decide to list were generally advised by agents not to set an asking price too high, as buyers turned more price sensitive.

Buyers “are tired of putting offers on properties and not getting them,” Candace Adams, president and chief executive of Wallingford-based Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices New England Properties, said in an interview in October. “They are tired of being in a market that has been so lofty and frothy, and so, some buyers are choosing to rent and wait this out until they have a better selection.”

Nationally, home sales remain resilient, according to the National Association of Realtors, an industry group, even with inventory generally low and rising prices crimping affordability. But pressures from inflation “such as fast-rising rents and increasing consumer prices may have some prospective buyers seeking the protection of a fixed, consistent mortgage payment,” Lawrence Yun, NAR’s chief economist, said a week ago.

A recent report from the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors, an industry group, showed further evidence of a slowdown in sales in the Hartford area amid scant inventory as 2021 drew to a close.

Sales in the association’s territory of 27 towns and cities in the Hartford area fell nearly 2% in November, compared with the same month a year earlier. Inventory continued to be tight, down 32% compared with a year earlier.

Even so, the median sale price — in which half the sales are above, half below — jumped more than 9% in November to \$300,000 from \$275,000.

The association tracks towns and cities stretching from Suffield to Rocky Hill and Canton to Willington.

“Our fall housing market is settling down a bit when compared to the very active summer market,” Holly Callahan, the association’s chief executive, said. “Even with low inventory, there are buyers looking to take advantage of low interest rates.”

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Home sales in Hartford County and throughout much of Connecticut remained strong in 2021, but buyers found a dwindling number of properties. COURANT FILE PHOTO

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State’s first babies of 2022

By Staff

Kimberly Torres and Orlando Morales of Shelton welcomed the state’s first baby of 2022 into the world at 12:39 a.m. New Year’s Day. Baby Orlando Michael Morales Jr., born at St. Vincent Memorial Center in Bridgeport, weighed in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 19 inches. “What a great way to start our new year,” the couple said.

Minutes later, Jay’Lon Osiris Smart arrived, the first baby of the new year born at Yale New Haven Hospital. Jay’Lon Osiris was born at 12:47 a.m. to Deshawnae Mims and Jeremiah Smart of New Haven. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 11 ounces and is the couple’s first child. According to hospital staff, the family is doing well and getting some well-deserved rest.

Widlyne Sanon of Norwich welcomed baby Caleb to the world at 1:38 a.m., the first baby of the year at Backus Hospital in Norwich. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

The first baby at Hartford Hospital came a little later. Baby Alice was born to Andressa and Leandro Ekuni of Plainville. She arrived at 2:34 a.m., checking in at 6 pounds, 4 ounces and 19.5 inches. Alice has a 6-year-old brother, Gustavo, waiting at home. “Our whole family had bets if she was going to be born in 2021 or 2022. Well, to the ones that voted 2022 you guys are the winners!” the Ekunis said.



Baby Caleb was born to Widlyne Sanon, of Norwich, on New Year’s Day.



Jay’Lon Osiris Smart was born to Jeremiah Smart and Deshawnae Mims, of New Haven, on New Year’s Day.



Baby Alice, with parents Andressa and Leandro Ekuni of Plainville, was born New Year’s Day.



Baby Orlando, with parents Kimberly Torres and Orlando Morales, of Shelton, was born on New Year’s Day.

Schools

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transmissibility of omicron. We will once again focus on providing spacing when possible, reinforce the importance of mask wearing, and reiterate our guidance to all that if your child shows any symptoms of illness, please keep them home,” Moore said.

Educators have emphasized the benefits of routines and in-person schooling, particularly for younger children. “Every time that’s interrupted, that interrupts the educational experience for the child,” said Patrice McCarthy, deputy director of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

The insistence on keeping schools open comes during a recent rise in cases within schools. On Dec. 23, the Connecticut Department of Health reported that more than 3,000 K-12 students tested positive for COVID-19 over the previous seven days — the most in any one-week period since tracking began.

On Thursday, the state reported 1,021 K-12 positive tests among students for the week, but schools haven’t been in session.

The state reported a daily positivity rate over 20% on Thursday, though the metric is considered imperfect for assessing coronavirus spread, due to several caveats including variance in who gets tested at a given time.

Several institutions are reacting proactively in response to omicron’s spread. Yale New Haven Health announced that visitation to hospitalized patients will be temporarily disallowed, with narrow exceptions.

UConn announced Thursday that the first two weeks of the spring semester will be conducted online, with move-in delayed to the weekend of Jan. 29.

In a letter, Kate Dias, president of the Connecticut Education Association, stopped short of calling on Lamont to recommend or



Abby Valentukonis, 4, gets a rapid COVID-19 test at a drive-up testing site at New Britain Veterans Memorial Stadium on Friday. “Let’s get our noses tickled,” said Abby to her dad, Robert, referring to her previous experiences with testing. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

enforce remote learning throughout the state.

The CEA, the state’s largest teacher’s union, “will continue to stress the need for stronger actions to protect our school communities,” Dias said, amid soaring case counts, a surge in positivity rate and a shortage of masks and tests.

But according to Dias, most local teachers union presidents said they would prefer a remote learning option, with no dual instruction.

The Board of Education Union Coalition, which represents over 60,000 public education employees in Connecticut, went further.

“For districts unable to provide in-person learning in a safe manner, we believe distance learning should be followed until such time physical re-entry is safe for the entire school community,” reads a statement updating their core principles, dated Dec. 30.

The board also outlined several rigorous testing, tracing and other safety standards that it demands schools must follow to operate in person. Standards include vaccination access on site, strict mask enforcement and N95 mask distribution for staff, the closure of school facilities to outside organizations and a ban on school visitors, among many others.

More testing

Health officials say there’s evidence to suggest people who have contracted the omicron variant are generally less likely to develop severe illness, despite the state’s current spike in hospitalizations.

That’s a modicum of good news for the general public, but omicron’s high transmissibility poses serious problems for large institutions like public schools: ecosystems that rely on teachers, office staff, para-professionals, food service workers, custodial staff, bus drivers and more to run effectively.

Speaking at a press conference on Thursday, New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker reiterated that the city has no intention of “systemwide remote learning,” but mentioned concerns over staffing.

“Families should be prepared for the possibility that their class may go remote, or even multiple classes and even potentially a school may go remote if there are so many cases, or if there’s a lot of staffing shortages,” Elicker said. New Haven schools will open as normal on Monday.

Dr. Iline Tracey, superintendent of New Haven Public Schools, added that the district is “very concerned” about the recent uptick in cases and is monitoring it closely.

At a news conference in New Britain on Friday, Lamont encouraged teachers and “anybody showing a symptom” to get tested, “to give you that confidence you can be in the classroom safely.”

More than 400,000 at-home rapid test kits were delivered to the state overnight Thursday and Friday morning. Officials say the availability of tests will be crucial to keeping workplaces across sectors staffed and safe.

“Schools traditionally have been safe places,” Rabinowitz said. “I’m hoping that with home testing kits, families will also have peace of mind.”

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Weddings

Tursi - DeBrusk



Kaitlyn Tursi and Wesley DeBrusk were married September 25, 2021 at Hartford City Hall. The wedding reception immediately followed at The Bushnell in Hartford, CT.

The bride is the daughter of James and Laurie Tursi of Glastonbury, CT. The groom is the son of Peter and MJ DeBrusk of Hopkinton, NH.

Kaitlyn and Wesley are graduates of the University of Connecticut. Kaitlyn is employed as a Product Analyst at The Hartford and Wesley is employed as a Data Engineer at Travelers.

The couple currently resides in Charlestown, RI.

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The year's best books

One of the coolest parts of my job is interviewing authors of books that pique my interest — and then compiling my favorites into a “best of” list. Given the chaos of 2020, I skipped this annual ritual last year. But happily, I present Books of the Year, Jill on Money style. In each case, I have interviewed the author on my podcast, so feel free to take a listen.

“The Whiteness of Wealth: How the Tax System Impoverishes Black Americans — And How We Can Fix It” by Dorothy A. Brown
Dorothy A. Brown became a tax lawyer to get away from race. As a young Black girl growing up in the South Bronx, she’d seen how racism limited the lives of her family and neighbors. Her law school classes offered a refreshing contrast: Tax law was about numbers, and the only color that mattered was green. But when Brown sat down to prepare tax returns for her parents, she found something strange: James and Dottie Brown, a plumber and a nurse, seemed to be paying an unusually high percentage of their income in taxes. When Brown became a law professor, she set out to understand why. In “The Whiteness of Wealth,” Brown draws on decades of cross-disciplinary research to show that tax law isn’t as color-blind as she’d once believed.

“The Practice of Groundedness” by Brad Stulberg
Spoiler alert: After early career success, author and career coach Brad Stulberg was blindsided by a difficult diagnosis that prompted him to make significant changes in his life. The result is a book that highlights the angst, restlessness, frayed relationships and exhaustion that often accompanies achievement and offers a healthier, more sustainable model for success.

“Trillions: How a Band of Wall Street Renegades Invented the Index Fund and Changed Finance Forever” by Robin Wigglesworth
I wrote about this book when discussing indexing. But if you are a nerd who likes the history of finance, this book is a gem. Wigglesworth brings us back in time to trace the roots of the elegant investment solution that index funds became.

“Machiavelli for Women: Defend Your Worth, Grow Your Ambition and Win the Workplace” by Stacey Vanek Smith
There is nothing more fun than talking to your friend about her book — in this case, NPR host and author Stacey Vanek Smith, who has been covering economics and finance for years. Vanek Smith has an uncanny way of diving deep into a thorny topic like gender pay inequality and coming up with valuable and actionable advice.

“How to Change: The Science of Getting from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be” by Katy Milkman
“If you want to change your behavior or someone else’s, you’re at a huge advantage if you begin with a blank slate,” writes Wharton professor and author Katy Milkman. Milkman has devoted her career to the study of behavior change and, in this book, she shares ways to identify and overcome common barriers to change, such as impulsivity, procrastination and forgetfulness. That said, don’t expect a quick fix to cure what ails you, because many of our internal obstacles “are like symptoms of a chronic disease. They won’t just go away once you’ve started treating them. They’re human nature and require constant vigilance.”

“The Premonition: A Pandemic Story” by Michael Lewis
Who else but storied author Michael Lewis could tell the complicated story of a once-in-a-century public health crisis? His compelling characters draw us into the narrative, which becomes a sweeping indictment of the Centers for Disease Control and a bureaucratic system that does not allow for brilliant renegades to implement their work — and save lives.

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Do you always feel stressed? Blame your ‘THREAT BRAIN’

By Stephanie Vozza
Fast Company

Habits are difficult to change. Once you understand how your brain works, however, it’s easier to override your default tendencies and break problematic habits in favor of creating a more healthy, sustainable lifestyle. The first step is focusing on your “threat brain,” says psychologist Nelisha Wickremasinghe, author of “Beyond Threat” and associate fellow at Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford.

“Threat brain is a way of talking about our early reptilian brain,” she said. “I wanted to call it something else because when you start talking about the reptilian brain, everyone thinks they know what that is. But the emotional brain is much more complex.”

Wickremasinghe says our brains mediate through three interconnected neurological systems:

- “Threat brain” is our fight-or-flight system with a purpose of survival.
- “Drive brain” is what motivates us to achieve, compete and accumulate resources.
- “Safe brain” is the nurturing, reflective rest state where we feel calm and relaxed.

“They each have an evolutionary narrative, but threat brain is still the most easily activated,” Wickremasinghe said. “It’s at the core of our being. Right now, pretty much everybody has had an experience of that side of their brain coming to life, and many of us have fallen into toxic drive brain ways of working, which is motivated — often without awareness — by our threat brain.”

Early signs that you’re operating in threat brain happen in the body, such as a fluttering stomach, tense muscles or a raised heartbeat. You may not realize you’re operating in threat brain because toxic drive brain has become normal. But if you’re disconnected from the sequence, you may not notice it until you’re at a much later stage, such as being in the

midst of an angry outburst.

“My mantra is, ‘It’s not your fault, but it may be your problem,’” Wickremasinghe said. “Pretty much all our problems stem from an overactive threat brain.”

Getting control of ‘threat brain’

Threat brain behaved as it should at the beginning of the pandemic when we were facing an unknown danger. But over time, it has led to confusion, uncertainty, overthinking and denial — defensive reactions that aren’t particularly effective, Wickremasinghe says. But you can regain control with two actions.

First, pay attention to the way you talk to yourself. “Surprisingly, people aren’t aware of the narrative that goes on inside their head,” she said. “It’s just something that they think goes on, and they don’t really stop to listen to it.”

Wickremasinghe recommends writing down the actual words that are happening inside your head when you’re in a threat brain situation.

“What you’ll tend to find is that the words you are saying are compounding the threat,” she said. “We know from research that people who are hyper self-critical are triggering areas in their emotion system that we associate with threats. And self-talk keeps you in threat, without you even knowing it.”

Once you recognize the words going on in your head, you can address them. Wickremasinghe recommends talking to yourself as if you’re a friend, not a hateful enemy.

The second method is physical because threat brain starts as a physical experience.

“Breathwork can seem a bit of a fad-type thing, but the whole work and research around use of breath is so fundamental,” Wickremasinghe said. “I’m not suggesting mindfulness or a spiritual practice. Just pay attention to how your breath works for and against you.”

Simple methods of rhythmic breathing that allow you to check in with yourself a few times a day can be helpful. Adjusting your breathing over time changes your physiology and allows you to become slower to react when in a threatening situation.

“If you see someone in a panic attack, the first thing you’ll notice is the way they’re breathing, which is fast and irregular,” Wickremasinghe said. “Breathwork draws attention back into the body and taps into the parasympathetic nervous system. It’s a movement away from drive behavior into safe brain states. It takes a little practice, but it allows you to better deal with the psychological and social stressors that are coming our way.”

Getting into ‘safe brain’

Safe brain is the part of our emotional brain that came after the reptilian threat brain. It developed as mammals began to realize that caring for their young greatly increases their chances of survival, Wickremasinghe says.

“Safe brain has evolved over millions of years; it’s that part of us that is connected to the frontal cortex, which enables us to soothe ourselves to rest,” she said. “It enables us to enter into deep reflective states to manage our focus and our concentration. And partly because of the hormones and chemicals that come with safe brain emotions, it also enables us to go toward people to bond.”

While safe brain is essential, it’s often under-stimulated in most organization environments and can be considered navel gazing and time wasting, Wickremasinghe says.

“Those moments of pause, quiet and relational emphasis support the goals that most organizations and people have,” she said. “Healthy drive goals are what we all want, but we often don’t dig down into how to achieve them. Especially now, being in such difficult times, we all need to pause the need for drive and move to safe brain for a while.”



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Series I bonds protect small investors from inflation



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

If you had a significant proportion of your portfolio in diversified index funds or exchange-traded funds in 2021, you should have had a good return on your investments.

It is also likely that the return on the bond portion of your portfolio was not very good because of the low interest rates on most bond investments. So, if are considering rebalancing, which I recommend at least once a year, it is likely that you would be considering taking some profits on your equities and reinvesting in some type of bonds.

Burton Malkiel, the economist and author of the celebrated book “A Random Walk Down Wall Street, discussed Series I bonds recently as an excellent investment for the fixed-income portion of your portfolio.

He believes that even if inflation falls back to the 2% Federal Reserve target, a 10-year U.S. Treasury bond yielding 1.5% will still have a negative rate of return after inflation. He also points out that high-quality bonds from other countries currently have negative returns. As long as inflation remains high or increases, then bond prices are likely to fall as the

Fed is forced to increase interest rates. Bond prices have an inverse relationship to interest rates; as interest rates increase, bond prices decrease.

For all of these reasons, Malkiel offers his case for purchasing I bonds for the portion of your bond portfolio. I bonds pay a fixed rate of return for the life of the bond, plus the annualized interest rate of 7.12% through April 2022. This return is far above any return for safe investments. You can never receive a negative real yield, and the combined interest rate can never be less than zero even if price level declines. If inflation rises, the rate paid will increase when it resets in April. In other words, Malkiel points out that you are safe from the economy’s current problems and any actions the Fed takes to deal with them.

Interest from I bonds is exempt from state and local taxes. If you use the proceeds for qualified higher-education expenses, the interest is exempt from federal taxes as well. Interest is deferred until maturity, or when the bond is cashed. Maturity is 30 years, but you can cash them in after one year for a small penalty (equivalent to three months interest). After you hold the bonds for five years, there is no penalty. If you do purchase I bonds, you will be protected against any market downturn or an increase in inflation.

As long as you have a Social Security number, you can purchase \$100,000 (or as little as \$25) of I bonds directly from the U.S. Treasury at its website (treasurydirect.gov). Malkiel points out that a married couple could purchase \$40,000 if each party invested \$10,000 in December and January. Another \$5,000 could be purchased with an income tax refund.

Malkiel knows it is tempting to simply “ride market optimism,” maintain your equity portfolio and watch your stocks rise. But because of existing inflation, there is now significant investment risk.

Although it’s unlikely that we will be facing the double-digit inflation we faced in the early 1980s, monetary authorities agree inflation is not likely to disappear quickly.

So, rebalancing is a wise choice in order to minimize your risk and insulate yourself against possible market volatility. For these reasons, I bonds offer a good alternative — and an opportunity for small investors that is not available to large institutions.

There is no question that equities are a useful long-term inflation hedge. But market falls are inevitable and can easily be initiated by Fed monetary policy. I bonds are safe and stable, and they offer inflation protection. For these reasons, you should consider purchasing I bonds.

You can obtain more information regarding I bonds at the Treasury site (treasurydirect.gov), as well as information about the purchase of Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS), which also offer inflation protection.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

It still makes sense to delay Social Security benefits

By Sandra Block
Kiplinger’s Personal Finance

We asked Laurence Kotlikoff, professor of economics at Boston University and developer of software programs designed to help users get the most out of their Social Security benefits, to weigh in on delaying benefits.

Q: In its most recent annual report, the Social Security Board of Trustees said that if nothing is done, the trust fund will be depleted by 2033, which would mean Social Security would be able to pay out only 76% of promised benefits. What do you say to people who plan to file at age 62 — which results in about a 25% cut in benefits — because they’re afraid the program will run out of money?

A: I have run through our software a benefit cut starting in 2031, and you still see a very major gain from waiting to collect. But I don’t see the politicians cutting benefits directly. I think they’re going to raise taxes on the rich. Congress could also use general revenue to finance Social Security, or they could partially index benefits for the rich. Historically, they phase in changes, so anybody who is

close to retirement is quite safe — and by close I mean 55 and older.

Q: Yet many people fear that if they postpone claiming Social Security until age 70, they’ll die before they’ll be able to take advantage of the higher benefits. What’s your response to that?

A: They’re ignoring longevity risk. If you’re 98 and collecting a Social Security check that’s 76% higher and adjusted for inflation, that’s where you want to be. A lot of people will live that long. If you buy home insurance and your house doesn’t burn down, are you shortchanged because you paid the premium? You’re protecting yourself against catastrophic events. Financially, the catastrophic event is living to 100.

Q: Thanks to big increases in home values, seniors have seen their housing wealth grow to a record \$9.6 trillion. Are reverse mortgages, which allow seniors to tap that equity while remaining in their homes, a good source of retirement income?

A: When the Federal Housing Administration insured most reverse mortgages, I thought they can’t be that bad. But when I spent several weeks looking at them care-



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fully with software, I decided that they’re way too expensive. They’ve got huge fees. You could sell your home and move into a continuing care retirement community — that’s like buying an annuity and long-term-care insurance at the same time. Or you could sell the house to the kids and write a contract in which they let you stay in it until you die. You take care of me and as soon as I die, you get the house. I die early, you win. I die late, I win. But it’s a win-win because we’re insuring each other.

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Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

Congratulations, you survived 2021. Now help others.

Congratulate yourself. Give yourself a nice pat on the bank. Somehow or other you survived 2021. And I mean that in every aspect, not only money but health and career and family and friends. Not everyone made it through this year, after all. And some barely survived.

While you may not be better off, may not have found a rewarding job, may still be worried about how you’ll put food on the table or pay the rent — you survived. So take a deep breath and look forward to the New Year.

Around the New Year, columns like this are typically filled with exhortations to make resolutions — whether about managing your money more wisely or losing weight. Not this time. Just stop and take a quick look around. You may not have solved all your problems, but at least for this past year you survived them.

America remains the most generous nation ever, giving \$450 billion to charity in 2020 in the midst of a pandemic that devastated the entire economy.

The world is a mess. One long war is over, but the innocent people are still suffering. Our country created trillions of dollars of new money to help the needy, but too much of it was hijacked by unemployment scammers. The politicians who typically compete to offer freebies and buy votes have decided to steal them instead, either through the invisible tax of inflation or by rigging the ballot process.

Yet America remains the most generous nation ever, giving \$450 billion to charity in 2020 in the midst of a pandemic that devastated the entire economy. We will likely top that record in 2021. And that giving was mostly done without tax incentives.

Still, the television airwaves are filled at this season with requests for aid — for homeless children living on the street and for discarded pets living in the cold. And for hospitals that treat sick children and for food banks that feed families. And for homeless veterans who fought our wars and for young girls traded for sex. Have we turned a blind eye to those pleas for help because we view everything through a political lens?

Can we count our blessings and yet forget to subtract our social obligations? Can we complain about taxes on required minimum distributions when many families have a minimum of food and shelter? This is not about politics or economics; it’s about how our national obsession with the political economy seems to have blinded us to the real economy.

America is not about redistribution of wealth. It is about growing the economic pie so everyone can participate and prosper. America is about law and rules and fair markets and sound money. It’s about equality of opportunity, not of results. But equality starts at the earliest age — with healthy young children who get a good education.

You’ve heard this all before. This is not a new message. Congratulations on surviving 2021, the second year of the pandemic. Pat yourself on the back. And then look ahead — and around. Look ahead to all the possibilities of the New Year. And look around to see how you can help bring the promise of America to those you are willing to see.

Don’t look away. If you’re dismayed by all the negativity in the air, take action and add some positivity. Give something of yourself — if not money, then time and compassion. If you don’t know where to start, check the good causes at CharityNavigator.org.

The more you give, the more you get. And that’s The Savage Truth.

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Reading the virtual room: decoding body language over Zoom

The virtual environment makes it harder to recognize crucial signals from others. By knowing what expressions and gestures to look for, it can become easier to recognize and respond to nonverbal communication.



Observe clues to detect comprehension

If people “get” what you’re saying, they’ll normally begin nodding as a signal that they understand. Alternatively, watch others’ faces to recognize signs of confusion. If they don’t understand, people often will look off to the side, crinkle their nose, or furrow their brow as they try to work things out in their mind. During any moments in your communication in which you provide a new concept, pay close attention to people’s body language. You should see positive signals that they comprehend. If not, stop and ask.



Recognize when others wants to speak

People use a range of gestures when they want to ask a question. Some may hold their breath. Take note if their shoulders raise unnaturally high and they inhale sharply. Furrowing their eyebrows further indicates their need to interject. Or, worried about no one noticing their symbolic “hand raise,” they’ll often disguise it as something else. They may adjust their glasses or brush their hair away from their face, or scratch an area of their face. What they’re really trying to do is subtly attract your attention.



Check for commitment

Often, as a result of your virtual meeting, you need people to commit to a course of action. For this reason, you need to be able to spot body language that reveals a lack of commitment. Watch for “truth slips.” This is when people say “yes,” while their body language contradicts it. Truth slips are evident when their heads nod or shake in a motion opposite of their words.

SOURCE: Martin Brooks, Fast Company

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Andover
Peter R. Marshall

Avon
Thomas D. Chrosniak, Jr.
Mildred Malkin

Bloomfield
Kenneth L. Colton, Jr.
David C. Mckone
K. Elwyn Morehouse
Rita Watkins

East Hartford
Robert J Rydingsward

Farmington
Marita H. O'Rourke

Glastonbury
James E. Banfield
Dante Sassi

Granby
K. Elwyn Morehouse

Hartford
Gail Danielczuk
Jean Hadley
Hubert L. Powell, Jr.
Dante Sassi
Harvey E. Seltzer
Rita Watkins

Higganum
David Bugbee

Manchester
Kevin B. Marceau
Josephine Mostowski
Carol A. Setsky
Carolyn M Stigas

Middletown
Joseph Brenton
Flora M. Tucci

New Britain
Charlotte V. Anderson
John A. Belas
Theresa M. Dipierro
Jennie Mataosian

Newington
Charlotte V. Anderson
John A. Belas
Rama K. Chaturvedi
Kenneth L. Colton, Jr.
Gail Danielczuk
Theresa M. Dipierro
Maryann Dudzinski
Jean Hadley
Harvey E. Seltzer

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Belas, John A.



John A. Belas, 70, of Bloomfield, died peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021. He was the beloved husband of Francisca Belas. Born and raised in New Britain, he was the son of the late John Belas, Jr. and Genevieve (Strajkowski) Belas and was a longtime Newington resident before recently moving to Bloomfield. John retired after a 48-year career with The Stanley Works. His favorite sport was baseball and he played with the Stanley Works for many years. He loved to travel and with his contagious smile and wonderful personality, he enjoyed interacting with people wherever he was. A loving father and grandfather, he leaves his daughter Ashley Belas of West Haven; two step-daughters, Patricia Lenge and husband Enoch of South Glastonbury and Fernanda Nebias and husband Bruno in Brazil; four step-grandchildren, Zara and Asher Lenge, and Isis and Maya Nebias. He also leaves his sister Marian Royce of Plainville, and several nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his brother Alan J. Belas. We will forever miss his kind and generous nature and the way he shared his heart with so many. His funeral service will be private. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington, is serving the family. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To share your sorrow, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Mostowski, Josephine



Josephine "Dolly" Mostowski, age 81, formerly of Wethersfield and more recently Manchester CT, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at St. Francis hospital surrounded by her loving family. Josephine "Jo-Ann" "Dolly" was born and raised in Quincy, MA, where she lived with her mother Jeannette, father James, and brother Jimmy, and she was predeceased by all. She was the most loving, strong, nurturing Mom, Sister, Nana, Auntie, and friend to so many. She worked very hard in her life as a waitress at Denny's, and later as a successful business owner of Consider-it-Clean cleaning service, and what she was most proud of, Round Sounds disc jockey service, both with her predeceased husband, Chester. Dolly was a true spitfire, full of zest and vigor for life. She had a passion for decorating the home she shared with her daughter Laura. She was an avid sports-fan, watching the New England Patriots, and Men's and Women's UCONN Huskies basketball. Dolly had a love for music and dancing. She took great pleasure in scratching off her instant lottery tickets, playing pool, doing word finds, watching her favorite TV programs, and playing countless games of Rummy 500. She did not like to lose! She loved spending time with her daughters (the girls), her grandchildren, and her two Yorkie pups, Tango and Oakley. Dolly loved seafood and going shopping for new clothes. Dolly is predeceased by her daughter Susan Calderone of San Diego, CA. She is survived by her daughters: Victoria Walling and husband Joseph of Ellington, Christine Goldsnider of New Port Richey, FL, Laura Visone of Manchester, CT, Ann-Marie Katzer and wife Kim, of Tolland, CT, her nephews: Kenny Smith and wife Laura of Wethersfield, Steven Smith and wife Claudia of Southington, CT, and her brother-in-law William Katzer of South Windsor. She is also survived by several grandchildren: Jeffrey Goldsnider and Alicia Brown, Thomas Fabrizio, Miles Calderone, Madelyn, Jacob, and Joshua Katzer, John Walling and wife Nicole, Ashley Hosig and husband Gavin and 5 great-grandchildren: Nehemiah, Leeonna, Carlee, Everlee, and Kira. She will forever be the wind beneath all our wings; incredibly missed yet in our hearts with cherished memories forever. We LOVE you Dolly! Heaven has a beautiful new angel. Calling hours are at Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm Street, Rocky Hill, CT on Monday, January 3rd, from 5-7pm, and funeral services will be held privately the following day. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes at www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com.

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Colton, Jr., Kenneth L.



Kenneth L. Colton, Jr., our beloved Dad, Grandpa, Life Partner and Good Friend passed away Saturday, December 18, 2021 after a courageous battle with heart failure. Ken was born in Washington, D.C. on November 15, 1942, son of the late Kenneth and Mona Colton (Cahill). He is survived by his children, daughter, Kathryn Colton Weaver and son-in-law, Dan ("Dan-O" as "Dad-O" always said); his son, Kenneth L. Colton, III and daughter-in-law Rebecca; his lasting legacy of his four much adored granddaughters, Jessica and Lindsay Weaver; Brynn and Hadley Colton, all of Newington, CT; and his beloved life partner, Bertha Sapolis. And many thanks to the Weaver and Jameson families for the blessings of shared lives and grandchildren. He was predeceased by his cherished parents, and his dear former wife, mother of his children and Nana to his grandchildren, Laura Halpin. Ken was raised in Hartford and Bloomfield, CT and attended Bloomfield High School. A self-taught and highly accomplished tradesman, Ken was an expert welder and furnace specialist by occupation working for local businesses Pendleton Fire Brick, Northup Refractory Service in his younger years and establishing his own business partnership, C & F Industrial Repair in the mid-1980s, then finishing his career at W.H. Barton Company. In addition to his career work, he also served in the Army and Army Reserves for multiple enlistments as a decorated rifleman and sharpshooter. A devoted son, husband and father, Ken helped look after his father after his mother's passing while raising his own family in Bloomfield and would live there most of his life. He was a genuine, good-hearted soul and always willing to lend the proverbial helping hand- usually fixing something or otherwise coming to the rescue. Ken's innate mechanical abilities were truly impressive and the source of many legendary stories- whether it was building his own hot rod, putting up a swing set or trouble-shooting a car problem over the phone and getting it to start from 300 miles away, you could always count on him to come through for you. And if he couldn't mechanically fix the problem (a rarity), he always found another way. Best example- Kathy's return to Dickinson College when her friend's car broke down. He tried fixing it for an hour in a snowstorm in the Westfarms parking lot then told everyone to stay warm and wait inside the mall, he had an idea and would be back. He returned 45 minutes later with a Lincoln Town Car that he rented from the airport, loaded five college kids and all their belongings and drove the most overstuffed car in the world in a snowstorm 300+ miles to Carlisle, PA. He dropped everyone off at their dorm, refused any money and turned right around to drive straight back overnight because he had to be at work first thing in the morning. A true 'salt of the earth' kinda guy. In addition to his amazing "Mr. Fix-It" skills, Ken was a colorful storyteller and passionate about all of his life interests- an avid outdoorsman who loved yard work and mowing his huge lawn, a faithful reader of "Popular Mechanics", a "Car Guy" to the core-anything and everything to do with cars, especially his prized 1992 Camaro and a rock n' roll enthusiast with a vast collection of vinyl 45 records. His greatest love was for his family and his favorite "job" in life by far was that of "Grandpa"- always referred to as "Grandpa With The Red Truck" (even after he bought a blue one!). He was absolutely smitten with his four granddaughters and his love and devotion to them was palpable. With Jessica, his "Dancing Politician", he marveled at her numerous academic accomplishments and achievements while never sitting still and always commented that he expected her to be President one day and that he couldn't wait to vote for her-she was his favorite politician. With Lindsay, his "Brown-Eyed Girl", he was impressed by her academic success and was amazed by her perseverance and the swimming achievements of his "Smart Little Mermaid". With Brynn, his "Unicorn Princess" he was inspired by her incredible imagination and knowledge of unicorns-he said he learned a lot! With Hadley, his "Cute Little Toughie" he was in awe of how fearless she was when she took a tough tumble and always bounced up (literally) smiling saying, "I fine". These girls were the light of his life and his unique brand of home spun wisdom, lively stories and "Grandpa-isms" will always live on in their hearts and memories. A service to celebrate Ken's life will be held at a later date when it is safer to be together. Until that time we honor his life with these words as best as we can. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com to share a memory. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Ken's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Hospital. Dad was a huge Ricky Nelson fan and his two favorite songs were "Travelin' Man" and "Garden Party". He always loved Ricky Nelson's classy response to being booed at Madison Square Garden in the song's famous refrain that he thought kind of said it all about life-"Well, it's all right now. I've learned my lesson well. You see you can't please everyone, so you got to please yourself." Dad, it really is all right now and no one has learned and taught more lessons well than you. You always did the decent and right thing and managed to please most everyone. You have worked long and hard and you did a great job. We all love and miss you so very much. Rest in peace our beloved Travelin' Man until we see you again.



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Newell , Carolyn (Ives)



Carolyn (Ives) Newell died peacefully on December 28, 2021 at the age of 89. She was born December 21, 1932 in Hartford, daughter of the late Louis King and Marcella (Elway) Ives. Carolyn leaves behind her four children, Brenda and her husband Timothy Testerman of Simsbury, CT, Sharon Caetano of Louisburg, NC, Nancy and Brad Newell and his wife Beth of Alton Bay, NH. Carolyn was the grandmother of twelve grandchildren, Nathan, Kyle and Todd Testerman, Christina and Scott Caetano (predeceased her), Sean, Ryan, Kevin, and Katie Maloney, and Greg, Pamela (Stephen) and David Newell. She was the great grandmother of Landon Stephen, Humza Newell and Caeden Stephen. Carolyn grew up in West Hartford, attended Hall High school and then Endicott College where she studied Interior Design. She married Charles Newell in 1952 and was later divorced. She enjoyed "all creatures great and small". She sang with the Sweet Adeline's and enjoyed the gifts of music she experienced at Middlewoods Assisted Living in Farmington. She volunteered in the Farmington school system, reading to the younger children. Her crafts and handiwork were her passion and now her legacy. Her life will be celebrated in a private manner. In lieu of flowers, Carolyn's wishes were to encourage people to send donations to Connecticut Children's Foundation, PO Box 412901, Boston, MA 02241 in memory of her grandson, Scott Caetano. Please visit Carolyn's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Bugbee, David



Beloved husband of Joyce (Hemmann) Bugbee, father, and friend to many, David M. Bugbee, 60, of Higganum, CT, passed away unexpectedly, lovingly surrounded by family on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. David was born in New Hartford, NY, son of Alberta F. (Zalewski) Bugbee and the late Raymond Bugbee. David worked highway construction as a Senior Inspector, most recently, with STV Inc. David was also a passionate member of the fire service for more than 30 years with numerous departments, 23 of which he spent with Haddam Volunteer Fire Company, taking his Life Membership in 2012. In addition to his dedication to the fire service, he was the proud owner of DB's Home Improvements, through which he completed countless home renovations throughout Connecticut, bringing joy to his clients over the last 12 years. Besides his wife Joyce, David is survived by his son, Nathan Bugbee, his daughter, Sarah Bugbee, his mother, Alberta Bugbee, two brothers, John Bugbee and Brian Bugbee, four sisters, Reba Schlaepfer, Michell Bugbee, Tracey Bugbee, and Renee Brannick, as well as several nieces and nephews. Due to an increase in Covid cases, calling hours will be held at a later date and the funeral service will be private for family only. The service will be livestreamed on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 11 a.m., the link can be found at depriv-erccc.org. Memorial contributions may be sent to Haddam Volunteer Fire Dept, P.O. Box 194 Higganum, CT 06441. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com

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Chrosniak, Jr., Thomas D.



Thomas D. Chrosniak, Jr., 96, died peacefully in the early hours of December 19, 2021. He was surrounded and held in love by his children and grandchildren in his final days and hours. Born on July 4, 1925 in South Saint Paul, Minnesota, Tom grew up in Saint Paul and was a patriot from a young age. He persuaded his parents to approve his early enlistment in the US Marines during World War II, so he left high school at 17 and was deployed to the Pacific theater, where he served for over four years. He was later called up and stationed in Norfolk, VA during the Korean War as a member of the US Naval Reserves. Before Virginia, however, he met the love of his life, Marian Lois Blais, thanks to the keen insights of a mutual friend who knew they'd be a great match. They married in 1947 and went on to raise six children together in Saint Paul and West Hartford, CT. In the early post-war years, he attended the Minnesota School of Business, the Advanced Taxation Program at the University of Michigan, and then earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota while also working as an auditor for the IRS. Given the amount of noise there must have been in the house at times, that was no small feat. He was always humble about that achievement, though his children are to this day immensely proud of him for it. While raising his young family with Marian, working, and studying, Tom also found time to contribute his many talents to his church and community. In addition to being a key player in raising funds for the construction of a new church for the parish of St. Leo in Highland Park, he held numerous leadership positions in the Highland Park Little League for many years, as well. A piece in the St. Paul Pioneer Press- announcing that Tom had been honored with the Harold B. Shapira Award for outstanding community service- caught the eye of an executive at Theo Hamm Brewing Company who Tom already knew and who sagely recruited Tom to manage Hamm's tax department. When Hamm's was acquired by food and beverage company Heublein just a few years later, Tom was asked to relocate to Connecticut to build and run the parent company's yet to be created tax department. He excelled at Heublein and spent the majority of his career there in positions of increasing responsibility, including serving as Treasurer of the company. During those years, Tom became active in and held leadership roles with Tax Executives Institute, a professional organization that brought him lifelong friendships, travel, and delightful dinner parties hosted by the lovely Marian. He spent his final professional years in Winston-Salem, NC, after RJ Reynolds bought Heublein. Once their youngest graduated from college, he was able to bring that chapter of his life to a close and was fortunate to enjoy over three decades of post-retirement ease with family, travel, and much better sleep. His commitments to community and faith continued, as well, including delivering Meals on Wheels and serving as a Eucharistic minister with Marian, becoming an active member and leader of VFW Post 3272 in Avon, CT, and praying the rosary in the Legion of Mary and serving as a lector at St. Mary's in Unionville. He and Marian first split their retirement years between Avon, CT and Bradenton, FL and eventually chose to return to Connecticut full-time, first in Farmington Woods, then The McAuley in West Hartford and finally, McLean in Simsbury. Tom was preceded in death by his angel, Marian. He is and will continue to be deeply missed by their six children, Tom Chrosniak, III (Roxanne Stachelek) of West Hartford, CT, Cherie Dolgin (Fred) of St. Augustine, FL, Jeanne Madden (Dick) of Plymouth, MA, Bob Chrosniak (Tanya) of Spring, TX, Mary Beth Rosato (David) of Avon, CT, and Ann Marie Roth (Tecari Shuman) of Brandon, VT; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their grandchildren- Stephanie Madden of Pembroke, MA; Patrick Madden (Lauren) of Hawthorn Woods, IL; Mariana Dolgin of Jacksonville, FL; Thomas Dolgin of Starke, FL; Alycia Chrosniak and Christina Chrosniak, both of West Hartford, CT; Mark Rosato (Ann) of Chicago, IL; Dana Rosato of Watertown, MA; Kevin Rosato of New York, NY; and, Daniel Chrosniak and Alina Chrosniak, both of Spring, TX, were all incredibly fortunate to create lasting memories with him well into adulthood. Ryan and Avery, his great-grandchildren, will surely grow up hearing much family lore revolving around him. Tom's family is especially grateful for the attentive and compassionate care provided by McLean Home Care & Hospice over the past two months. They also want to express thanks to the Care Partners in the Robinson unit at McLean - who sometimes got more than they bargained for in caring for Tom - who went above and beyond during his last nights there, and to the many staff members who have since let his children know how much their dad meant to them. Martha Child has a special place in their hearts for encouraging Tom to sing - boy did he love to sing! - for as long as he could. Melissa Ruddy and Anita Quashie Yakubu, who provided essential and exceptional care to Tom for many years, will remain cherished family friends. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 10:00 am at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 265 Stratton Brook Road, W. Simsbury, CT. His family will gather at the church at 9:30 am to greet friends and family. Masks are required and a private burial with full military honors will follow. Memorial gifts can be made to McLean Home Care & Hospice, 75 Great Pond Road, Simsbury, CT 06070 or to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3272, PO Box 297, Avon, CT 06001. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Chaturvedi, Dr. Rama Kant



Rama Kant Chaturvedi was born in India, son of the late Chaturbhuj and Asarfi Chaturvedi. He leaves behind Veena, his loving wife of sixty-three and a half years as well as three children: daughter, Kalpana and sons, Sanjiv (and his former wife, Gill) and Seemant (and his wife, Seema). He also leaves behind six wonderful grandchildren who adored their grandfather and provided him with a very special joy in life. The grandchildren are: Kiran (and her husband, Jonathan), Taylor, Alicia, Ellen, Nikhil, and Kavya.

A number of his family members still live in India: brother, Shashi (Madhuri), sister, Urvashi (Brijnath), and brothers-in-law, Gopal and Vipin, and several nephews and nieces (in India and U.S.A.), grandnephews and grandnieces, and one great-grand-nephew. Rama was preceded in death by his brother, Sridhar; sister-in-law, Sheila; two sisters, Vinay and Pratibha; and son-in-law, Bruce Gustavson.

After earning his Ph.D. chemistry in India, Rama joined Indiana University as a Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry in 1965 with the support of a Fulbright travel grant. After one year, he moved to Yale University where he taught part-time and was a Research Associate in the Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry. In 1970, he joined Greater Hartford Community College as a senior faculty member. He ultimately became the director of the Science, Mathematics, and Psychology Division and went on to retire in 1999. During the early years of his retirement, he volunteered as an AARP tax counselor for senior citizens in the town of Newington.

Rama's passions were teaching and scientific research. He published 30 research papers in various journals. He was a member of several professional societies such as American Association of University Professors, American Chemical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Congress of Community Colleges, and Sigma Xi.

At Greater Hartford Community College, he developed a number of grant-supported programs: Scientists of Tomorrow for high school students, and Research Internship for minority students. He was instrumental, with other colleagues, in securing a federal grant which amongst other programs created the highly valued Math Development Center. He received the Meritorious Service Award as well as Distinguished Service Award from the college.

He was the first president of the India Association of New Haven, and member of the Hindu Temple Society, Hartford Bridge Club and American Contract Bridge League. His other areas of interest were theater, music and film.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to the American Heart Association. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Rogers, John P.



John P. Rogers, 83, of Weatogue, beloved husband of 48 years to Gail (Fuller) Rogers, passed away peacefully Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 at his home. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 11:00am in the Avon Congregational Church, Avon. More details will be provided closer to the service date. In

lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Avon Congregational Church, 6 West Main St., Avon, CT 06001. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Tucker, Harry



Harry Russell Tucker "Pepe", 81, of North Windham passed away peacefully at home on December 28, 2021. He was born October 1, 1940 in Milbridge, Maine son of the late Russell and Daffa (Smith) Tucker. As a young man he grew up in Milbridge where he loved to play basketball and earn his money digging clams and working the blueberry fields with his sisters and parents. While playing a high school basketball game in Machias, he met the love of his life, Norma Jean (Ingalls) Tucker. After marrying his bride, he then joined the US Navy. While serving in the Navy they made their home in Jacksonville, Florida and started their family. Harry served in the Navy 1960-1963, serving on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA 42 & USS Johnson DD 821 as an Interior Communications Electrician. Following his military service, he and Norma made their home in Willimantic, and then later moved to Mansfield Center. He began his career at Brand-Rex as a machine operator in 1963. He proved himself with his hard work and dedication to the company, earning many accolades and promotions along the way, eventually retiring in 1996 as the Vice President of Manufacturing. Following retirement, he and Norma split their time between their Connecticut home and their home in Bucks Harbor, Maine. They were able to spend quality time with their families, and Harry took up fishing with his grandson Danny Jr on his lobster boat named after his family the "Six T's". Harry was an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting, fishing and clamming, but most of all he loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. His favorite holidays were enjoyed hosting Christmas Eve at their home in Mansfield and celebrating the 4th of July on Ingalls Island in Maine. He was the true patriarch of the family keeping everybody in line and providing a soft side when needed. He is survived by his children Karen (Lance) Nye, Karla (Jeffrey) Grieco, and Heidi (Joseph) Tucker Dillon; grandchildren Danny Overturf, Jr. (Heather), Ryan (Morgan) Mara, Brittney Nye (Rebecca), Dylan (Rachel) Nye, Monica Bolduk (Rory) and Morgan Bolduk (Chase); great grandchildren Donovan, Ruth and Ada Mara, and Hailey and Kenzie Overturf. He is also survived by two sisters, Amber (Leander) Stanwood and Florence Martin, both of Milbridge, Maine, along with many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind Arlene Thompson who has been his companion for the past 11 years. The family is grateful he had someone special to share his last years with. He was predeceased by his wife Norma, daughter Donna Tucker, sister Gail Ray and grandson Russell Mara. Harry's family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St. Willimantic. His funeral service will be Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 10:00am at Living Proof Church, 38 Pompey Hollow Rd., Ashford with burial to follow at Storrs Cemetery, Storrs. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Living Proof Church, PO Box 115, 38 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford, CT 06278 <http://www.ashfordchurch.org/GIVING/Donate-Online/> or a charity of your choosing. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com.

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Malkin, Mildred (Cutler)



Mildred (Cutler) Malkin, 95, of Vernon, CT, beloved wife of the late Dr. Meyer Malkin, passed away unexpectedly on December 28, 2021. Milly was born on November 2, 1926 in New Haven, CT to the late Frank and Pauline (Fabricant) Cutler. She graduated from Crosby High School in Waterbury, CT in 1944 and received a B.A. in English from the University of Connecticut in 1948. She was an advertising copywriter for D M Reads Department Store in Bridgeport before becoming the manager of advertising for a department store in Waterbury in the late 1940's to early 1950's. She and Mike were married in 1952 and together they moved to Rockville, CT where Mike practiced optometry for over 45 years. They were very involved in the Rockville community and belonged to B'nai Israel Synagogue where Milly was active in the sisterhood. Milly loved to play bridge and was a fantastic cook. Her memory lives on through her recipes. During the pandemic when she was shut in with the rest of her age group, in the style of the greatest generation she took it in stride and used the time to write a family genealogy book which she completed and self-published and proudly handed out to all her children and grandchildren for their keepsake. But most of all her biggest joy in life was her family of which she was so proud. She was so thrilled to welcome her first great grandchild in August of this year.

She leaves her three sons, Dr. Frank Malkin and his wife Janice of Sudbury, MA, Dr. Neil Malkin and his partner Terri Kramer of Ellington, CT and Dr. Robert Malkin and his wife Dr. Julie Malkin of Avon, CT. She also leaves five grandchildren, Daniel Malkin and his wife Sarah of Brooklyn, NY, Elise Malkin of Brookline, MA, Dr. Melissa Malkin Rubin and her husband Dr. David Rubin of Philadelphia, PA, Peter Malkin of Arlington, VA, and Caroline Malkin of New York City and great grandson Noah Malkin of Brooklyn, NY. She also leaves a special friend, Mr. James Tierney of West Hartford.

She was predeceased by her husband Dr. Meyer Malkin, her parents Frank and Pauline Cutler, her brother Dr. Henry Cutler, her daughter in-law Tamra Malkin, and several brothers and sisters- in-law.

Milly was truly loved by all who knew her. She was a devoted wife and a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was caring and compassionate, and will be deeply missed.

Due to Covid restrictions there will be no shiva and a private graveside ceremony has been scheduled. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Donations can be made to Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Synagogue, 400 Middle Turnpike East, Manchester, CT 06040 or Hadassah. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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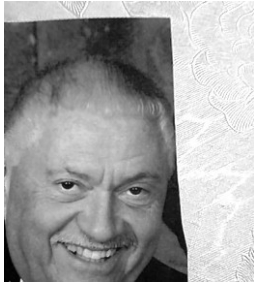
O'Rourke, Marita Howard



Marita Howard O'Rourke, 91, of Farmington, died peacefully Dec. 23, 2021 at Amberwoods of Farmington. Due to current Covid conditions, a memorial service will be scheduled in spring 2022. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Seltzer, Harvey E



Harvey Eugene Seltzer, age 90, of Newington, died Saturday, December 25, 2021. Born in Hartford on February 27, 1931, he was the son of the late Hyman and Sophie Seltzer. He was a graduate of Weaver High School, class of 1949 and was co-chairman of several of the class reunions. He was a 1953 graduate of the University of Connecticut College of Pharmacy and actively practiced his profession until his retirement in 1995. During his professional career, he managed several pharmacies in the Greater Hartford area. From the early 1960's to the early 1970's he owned and operated Harvey's Pharmacy in the Parkville section of Hartford. From 1988 until the present, he was President of the Connecticut Alumni Chapter of the Alpha Zeta Omega Pharmaceutical Fraternity. Music was always an important part of Harvey's life. An avid percussionist from childhood on, he was a member of the American Federation of Musicians for several decades during which he performed professionally. He was also a gifted singer. Many will remember him singing as Tevye from Fiddler on the Roof. His favorite pastimes included golf and oil painting.

He was a member of Temple Sinai of Newington, a life member of the Connecticut Pharmacists Association, the National Community Pharmacists Association, the University of Connecticut Pharmacy Alumni Association, the Alpha Zeta Omega Pharmaceutical Fraternity and several other professional organizations.

Harvey leaves a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Dorann Seltzer of Delray Beach, Florida, two grandchildren, Jared David Seltzer of Florida, Leah Mollie Eversole and her husband Sean of Florida, two great-grandchildren, Isaac Mark Eversole and Ian Robert Eversole of Florida, a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Manuel and Leah Fine of Westport. Harvey also leaves extended family members, Gail Brownstein of West Hartford, Caron and Steven Gelles of Scarsdale, N.Y., Joshua, Rona and Aria Gelles of Philadelphia, Pa., Rachel, Jonah, Sheri and Nathan Raskas of New Rochelle, N.Y., and Dana Gelles of New York City. He also leaves Tam and Woody Doane of West Hartford, Kathy and Paul Tetreault of Wethersfield and several nieces and nephews.

Harvey was pre-deceased by his first wife, Sydelle "Dellie" (Bernstein) Seltzer; his second wife Arline (Fine) Seltzer; his son and daughter-in-law, Gregg and Kate Seltzer, his grandson Justin Abraham Seltzer, and his four sisters and brothers-in-law, Leah and Jim Giordano, Ann and Ike Kunik, Bae and Charles Brown, and Mollye and Robert Wiener. Funeral services will be held Tuesday December 28th at the Temple Sinai Memorial Park, 41 West Hartford Road, Newington. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sydelle Seltzer Memorial Scholarship Fund, Tunnix Community College, Farmington, CT. 06032, or to Temple Sinai in memory of Arline Seltzer.

A memorial period will be observed at his late home on Tuesday December 28. Please join through Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89694967739?pwd=Z3ppTmR5MDJlTHBnTUpySmhnQkth4UT09>

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Paul, Fr. Gregory



Fr. Gregory Paul, C.P., died peacefully on December 30, 2021, at McLean Health Center in Simsbury, Connecticut. Born Anthony R. Paul in Norwood, Massachusetts, on March 28, 1928, he was the son of the late James Paul and Jessie Guarino Paul. He entered the Passionist Community and made his profession as a Passionist on July 17, 1951, taking the name and title: Gregory of the Seven Dolours. He was ordained a priest in Union City, New Jersey, on April 25, 1958, and began what would be the first of many assignments at Passionist parishes throughout the Province. His first assignment was at St. Gabriel's Parish in Toronto, Canada. Then came assignments as assistant pastor at St. Ann's Parish in Scranton, Pennsylvania, St. Mary's Parish in Dunkirk, New York, St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Atlanta, Georgia, then pastor for eight years at St. Joseph Parish in Baltimore, Maryland. Fr. Gregory was next assigned to the Spanish apostolate at St. Michael's Parish in Union City, New Jersey. After six years in Union City, Fr. Gregory returned to Baltimore for another ten years as pastor and became involved with ministry to the blind. For many years he attended the annual convention of the American Foundation for the Blind. Wherever he served, Fr. Gregory was known for his caring, compassionate manner, hope-filled wisdom, and generous sharing of his time and talents.

In 2002, when his brother, Fr. Alexis Paul, also a Passionist, was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer, Fr. Gregory came to West Hartford, Connecticut, to care for him. Nine months later Fr. Alexis died, and after his death Fr. Gregory began to assist with the ministry of retreats at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. While on the retreat team, Fr. Gregory was part of the Pastoral Care Team at UConn/John Dempsey Hospital. He often responded to emergencies day and night and never complained about being awakened in the middle of the night. He took it all in stride. Fr. Gregory had a fine rapport with the doctors, nurses and patients at UConn and was a wonderful, caring emissary for Holy Family, welcoming many retreatants with cordial hospitality at the Retreat Center each week. He also assisted with masses for several years at St. Mary Home in West Hartford and at local parishes when needed. He was happy to help whenever he was called upon and did everything with a warm smile and a cheery sense of humor. He made a point of calling everyone by name – though not always the correct name! He will be missed by his Passionist brothers, especially Fr. Terry Kristofak, his primary caregiver, and all those who knew him as a gentle soul and a fine priest of God.

Fr. Gregory is survived by his sister, Rita Higgins, her son, Edward Higgins, his wife Kathy and their daughter, Jennifer and her husband, Jeff Malone, and their two children, Alexander and Samantha. Fr. Gregory is also survived by his twin brother, Frank Paul and his wife Maeve, their children, Julie and her husband, Gregory Pinto, and their three children Josh, David and Charlotte, Gregory, his wife, Leila Joseffer, and their two children, Charlie and Margaret, and Stephen, his wife Rebecca Peterson, and their two children, Grace and Jack.

The funeral will take place at Holy Family Passionist Monastery on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 11:00 AM, with calling hours beforehand at the Monastery from 9:00 AM until 10:45 AM. Masks will be worn throughout the wake and services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fr. Gregory's memory to Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunnix Road, West Hartford CT 06107. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

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Tucci, Flora M.



Flora M. Tucci, 100, of Chester, Connecticut died on December 24, 2021 at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut after a brief illness. Her previous residences included Middletown; Zellwood, Florida; and Wayne, Maine. Born Flora Marie Vastola on April 19, 1921 in New York City, she attended the Wadleigh High School for Girls and was a proud graduate of New York University where she earned Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees with specializations in Italian and Spanish. After moving to Connecticut, she completed her course work for Connecticut teacher certification, thus preparing her for a 40-year career as an educator.

Over the course of her professional career, Flora was the owner and operator of her own home-based nursery school, a first-grade teacher at the Westfield School in Middletown, and, for many years, a highly respected teacher of Spanish and Italian at Middletown's Woodrow Wilson Senior High School. At Woodrow Wilson, she was an active member of the Middletown Federation of Teachers, serving in a leadership capacity on several contract negotiation teams. Additionally, she taught Conversational Spanish at Middlesex Community College and Methods of Teaching in Wesleyan University's M.A.T program and served as a research director at the Elmcrest Hospital in Portland, Connecticut.

Upon their retirement, Flora and Frank, her husband of 47 years, moved to Zellwood, Florida, where she continued to pursue her passion for education as a volunteer at Zellwood Elementary School where she initiated a program in conversational Spanish for children in grades one through six. She also served as a volunteer cook at the St. Anthony's Center and Loaves and Fishes. In addition, Flora was the president of the Zellwood Signal Lights, an organization dedicated to the support of local hospice services. While in Florida, Flora and Frank continued the family tradition of summering in Wayne, Maine at the family cottage on Lake Androscoggin. After her husband's passing in 1993, she continued to reside in Zellwood until 2015 when she relocated to Chester, Connecticut.

At Masonicare at Chester Village, an independent living facility, Flora was an active and vibrant member of the community, attending lectures, socializing, entertaining her many friends, and traveling to local places of interest. Maintaining her interest in education, she served on the board of the facility's scholarship fund, continuing to help young people pursue the goal of higher education.

Flora is survived by her sons Alexander and his wife Marjorie of Middletown; Richard and his wife Lucia of River Forest, Illinois; Theodore and his wife Nancy of Hartford; Michael and his wife Kimberly of Rye, New York; John and his wife Catherine of Richland, Michigan; and her daughter Linda and her husband Jeff of Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is also survived by her grandchildren Natalie Tucci Shoff, Flora Lichtman, Ruth Lichtman, Michael Tucci, Carl Tucci, Frank Tucci, Emma Tucci McCormack, Alexandra Tucci, Charlotte Tucci, Ellis Tucci, MiaFlora Tucci, and Allison Tucci. Additionally, she is survived by her great grandchildren Theodore W. Shoff and Jane Fergusson Lichtman. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Italo Frank Tucci and her grandsons David I. Lichtman and Nicholas W. Tucci.

Memorial services will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Flora's name may be made to the Wayne Cary Memorial Library, Flora Tucci Speakers Fund, P.O. Box 127, Wayne, ME 04284 or the Masonicare at Chester Village Scholarship Fund, 317 W. Main St., Chester, CT 06412.

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Rutherford, Diana S.



Diana Abbey (Sayers) Rutherford, 81, passed peacefully in the early morning hours of Christmas Day to join her beloved husband of 56 years, Gordon D. Rutherford. Born in Waterbury, Connecticut to the late Mary Adams Oliver and Dr. Daniel O. Sayers, she spent a happy childhood as both a Connecticut Yankee and a North Carolina girl. A graduate of Saint Margaret-McTernan School and Wellesley College, she returned to Waterbury in 1962 and met her future husband while they both worked at Connecticut General Life Insurance. They married a year later and made their home in the Simsbury Village of Tariffville among neighbors who became extended family. Once her children were of school-age, she took a job in the Simsbury Public School system to share the same daily and yearly schedule as her daughters and sons. During her many years at SHS, she was an invaluable member of the administrative team. Affectionately known as "Mrs. R.," Diana was most often the first face an erring and anxious student would meet at "the vice principal's office," the kind voice on the dreaded phone call to parents, the expert matchmaker of tutors for students with extended home stays, and the master planner of graduation ceremonies. She carried out these duties with her characteristic compassion and humor, diplomacy and aplomb. Diana was also deeply committed to her church, particularly in service to music ministry where she served for over 40 years. "With a voice of singing," she was a joyful member of the Chancel Choir and Women's Praise Choir, a founding member of the Choral Bells Handbell Choir, and a talented page-turner for the organists. Above all else, her greatest treasure was her family, and she was happiest when they were all together for Sunday dinners at home. It's a tradition they will endeavor to continue in the wonderful, welcoming, and comforting ways she did. She will be dearly, dearly missed by all who were lucky enough to know, love, and be loved by her. Diana is survived by her children, Susan (Greg) Orred, Steven Rutherford, Leslie Ann (Jeff) Reynolds, and Dan (Kelly) Rutherford; her grandchildren Wesley, Garrett, Will, Abbey, Calvin, Avery and Colby; her brothers and sisters-in-law Dan (Kathy) Sayers and Tom (Sherry) Sayers; her special friends Margo and Joyce; her Sayers and Oliver cousins and many nieces and nephews; her extended families her children married into (Orreds, Reynolds, and Demskis); her Tariffville neighbors (past, passed and present); and her church family. Her children would like to thank the wonderful caregivers at McLean, especially Paula, who helped ease her final months. A celebration of her life will be held in the spring of the new year. Memorial contributions may be made to The First Church of Christ, 680 Hopmeadow St, Simsbury, CT 06070 or to McLean Care of Simsbury, Development Office, 75 Great Pond Rd, Simsbury, CT 06070. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements.

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Sassi, Dante "Danny"



Dante "Danny" Sassi of Glastonbury, CT passed away December 27th 2021 following a Traumatic Head Injury at the age of 75. Danny died peacefully in the arms of his loving wife. Danny was born Aug. 8th 1946 in McKeesport, PA to Dorothy McCorkle. A lifelong adventurer he said himself "I had a great life". I've sailed across the sea transatlantic, visited several countries and I did it my way. Danny was one of the 1st and best surfers in early Newport, R.I. surf history. He pioneered surfing at Ruggles Ave and inspired many young surfers at the same time. Danny was on the Hobi Surf Team and helped start Bad Wolf Surf Shop in Newport, R.I. Newport always held a special place in his heart. He married in 1996 in a beautiful ceremony to the love of his life Mary. Everyone knew they were a match made in heaven. He is survived by his wife, Mary Walsh of Glastonbury, CT and his sister, Jenine Brown of Grants Pass, OR. He also leaves behind his brother-in-law, Michael Walsh and his wife Terry and his niece, Kelly and nephew, Joseph. In addition, he leaves behind a host of longtime friends in Newport, R.I. Hartford, CT and several cousins in Glassport, PA. Danny's presence always filled the room with his brilliance. Many said he was the most interesting person they known with an interest in everything from space science to history and his love of cooking. He was a fabulous cook hands down. He also loved fishing with his friend Timmy O'Donnell in Newport and all those special moments with friends there. He adored all animals especially feeding all the little critters from bunnies to birds that came to his yard. Friends say what a special guy. He was the most thoughtful, smartest, and funniest guy they knew. If you didn't know Danny you missed a great gift. There are ups and downs and very often you don't know what's heading your way. How one tragic fall ends your life. He may be gone but will forever live in my head, in my heart and in my soul. He is in the arms of the angels and forever missed. Friends and family may call on Danny's family on January 7, 2021 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Naubuc Ave, Glastonbury. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Danny's life will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2021 at 12noon in Saint Paul Church of Ss. Isidore and Maria Parish, 2577 Main Street, Glastonbury. In addition, a Celebration of Dante's Life will be held in the Spring in Newport, R.I. (details to follow). In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory to, Our Companions Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 956 Manchester Ct. 06045 or online at www.ourcompanions.org/memorial-donations, otherwise to the charity of your choice. For further information or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com

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Watkins, Rita



Rita Mae Watkins, affectionally known as "Mother Rita", 86, of Hartford, CT gained her heavenly wings on Friday, December 24, 2021 surrounded by her family. Rita was born in Andelusia, AL to the late William Stringer and Alva Curry on April 28, 1935. A celebration of Rita's life will take place on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 2:00pm with a visitation from 1:00pm – 2:00pm at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment will be held at a later date with her husband, Andy Watkins at CT. State Veterans Cemetery. To leave a message of comfort for the Watkins family and view the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Dirienzo, Angelo E.



Angelo Eugene Dirienzo formerly of Derby and Milford, and most recently of Shelton CT passed away on December 26, 2021. He was born August 21, 1930 to Anthony and Jennie Pasgrove Dirienzo. He was married to his beloved wife, the late Claire Scatolini Dirienzo, for 50 years. Most recently, he was the devoted partner to Joan Greene prior to her death last year. Angelo was a graduate of Derby High School and served in the Army during the Korean War. He received his Bachelor's degree from New Haven State Teachers College (Southern Connecticut State University). He received his Master's and Sixth-Year degrees from Fairfield University School of Education and his Doctorate from the University of Connecticut. While pursuing his education and raising a family, Angelo was a teacher, then principal and then Superintendent of Schools in Derby. He served as Superintendent of Schools in Derby for more than 15 years then served as Superintendent in Oxford and Sherman Connecticut. He received numerous accolades and awards for his strong and inspirational leadership in the school districts. He was an active member and volunteer for St. Mary's Church in Derby, the United Way campaigns, Vice-Chair of the Lower Naugatuck Valley Planning Council, Derby Library, Chairman of the Derby-Shelton Community Chest, CT Association of Public-School Employees, American Red Cross, Derby Savings Bank board member, and board member and Chairman of Griffin Hospital. In his retirement he traveled extensively, golfed, and continued to consult whenever asked by friends and colleagues. Dr. Dirienzo was the devoted father of Ronald R. Dirienzo and his wife, Victoria of North Granby, Robert A. Dirienzo and his wife, Christina of Nashville, Tennessee, Russell J. Dirienzo of Roxbury, and John S. Dirienzo and his wife, Kelly of Arlington, Mass. Dr. Dirienzo was the loving grandfather to Rachel, Jessica, Robert Jr., Ronald, Ryan, Raisa, Ashley, Sabina, Russell, John, and Joseph and great-grandfather to Raeden, Liam and Leonardo. He was predeceased by his parents, and his three brothers, John, Anthony and Charles. Dr. Dirienzo's family will receive friends and relatives on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Edward F. Adzima Funeral Home, 253 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT. Masks are required to attend the visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, January 6, 2022 in St. Mary's Church, 212 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donating to St. Mary's Church, 212 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT 06418 or the charity of your choice. Online condolences can be offered to the family at www.adzimafh.com.

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Hadley, Jean (Sills)



Jean (Sills) Hadley, 89, of Newington, CT passed away at her home December 23, 2021. Jean was born December 12, 1932, in Hartford, CT to the late Theodore and Dorothy (Frappier) Sills. She grew up in Newington, CT, and graduated from Newington High School in 1950. After high school, she attended Lenox Hill Hospital School of Nursing in New York City, where she received her RN. She worked as a registered nurse in New York, Colorado, and Connecticut. Jean met Robert (Bob) Hadley in New York City while he was a member of the U.S. Air Force, and they married in 1956 after he was discharged. They had an active and exciting life traveling across the country in their motor home as well as internationally. While Jean enjoyed travel, she loved spending summers on Cape Cod. She and Bob often hosted family and friends, including an almost 40-year tradition of Banjo Weekend, where Jean had a knack for making sure everyone felt welcome and was well-fed. Jean had a great love of music, and after several years of attending other people's concerts, took up the tenor banjo and played with Bob in several groups including the Elm City Banjo Society. She loved all forms of needlework, sewing clothes for herself and the family, quilting, knitting, crocheting, and creating beautiful works of art. While raising her children, Jean was an active volunteer in the Newington public schools assisting with the elementary reading program. Jean was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary International for her volunteer work with the Polio Plus program. Jean is survived by her husband Bob Hadley of Newington, her daughter Terri Carotenuto and her husband Joe of Acton, MA, her son Bob Hadley Jr. and his wife Mary Niederman of Riverside, RI, her sisters Joan Isenberg of S. Yarmouth, MA and Kathleen Sills of Concord, MA, her grandchildren Michael, Max, and Amanda, and her grand-dog Rocky. In addition to her parents, she was pre-deceased by her brother Theodore Sills, Jr. A private graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to Connecticut Children's Medical Center, where Jean worked as a nurse, to support the Nursing Fund. Gifts can be made at Donate to Connecticut Children's Foundation, Inc. (connecticutchildrens.org) Checks, payable to Connecticut Children's Foundation, may be mailed to: Connecticut Children's Foundation, PO BOX 412901, Boston, MA 02241-2901. Please include Jean's name in the memo line. Arrangements were entrusted to D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, Wethersfield.

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Sharpe, Bradley A

Bradley Albert Sharpe, 75 of Daphne Alabama passed away peacefully Monday December 20th after a long battle with a degenerative lung disease. Born April 19th 1946 in Hartford, son of the late Gerald Sharpe and Gladys Martinez, a graduate of Wethersfield High School, class of 1965.

Brad proudly served in the United States Navy on active duty from 1966-1972 receiving a National Defense Service Medal and Honorable discharge. He served in the National Guard for an additional 10 years. Brad earned his BS in Management from Central Connecticut University and worked 30 years at Pratt and Whitney, retiring after many years in the role of Business Unit Manager. He additionally went on to have successful careers as a Plant Manager at Teledyne in Alabama and Parker Hannifin in Mississippi.

Brad loved the sea and spent his summers with his family navigating his cabin cruiser up and down the New England coast.

Brad is survived by his wife of 36 years Jaqueline Sharpe of Dexter Maine, sister Sandra Kent of Alpharetta Georgia, sons Mathew and David Sharpe, grandsons Odin, Brody, and Kairo Sharpe who reside in Enfield and Suffield CT respectively.

The family will hold a private memorial in his honor in the near future.

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Anderson, Charlotte V. (Olson)



Charlotte Vivian (Olson) Anderson passed away peacefully in her home at Cedar Mountain Commons in Newington, CT on December 28, 2021 at the age of 94. Her husband of 49 years, Robert Ernest Anderson predeceased her in 1999. Born and raised in New Britain, she was the daughter of the late Eric and Nellie (Carlson) Olson. Charlotte graduated from Bryant University and went on to be employed in a secretarial capacity for Landers, Frary and Clark in New Britain. Charlotte worked as a medical transcriptionist at The Newington Children's Hospital for over 20 years, and retired in 1984 to enjoy traveling with her husband. Her main hobby was birding and she knew and could spot many species of birds. She was also a long time member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church and a member of its Quilt Makers Group. Her family and many friends will miss her smile, loving kindness and gentle spirit very much. A loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she leaves three children, Bonnie Anderson Hicks (Mark Hicks), Todd Robert Anderson (Dianne Thomen Anderson) and Mark Eric Anderson (Nancy Turgeon Anderson), six grandchildren, Derrek Anderson, Brent Anderson, Kellie Anderson White, Eric Anderson, Mark W. Hicks and Mary Hicks and five great grandchildren, Sam, Madelyn, Ella, Emmett and Emilia. She was predeceased by her half-sister, Emily Ahlquist. Donations may be made in Charlotte Anderson's name to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1655 Main St., Newington, CT, 06111. Due to COVID concerns, her funeral services will be held privately with Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. To share a memory with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.

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McKone, David C.



David Charles McKone, 61, beloved son, brother and father, passed away unexpectedly on November 6, 2021 in his home in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Dave was born and raised in Rockville, CT graduating from Rockville High School in 1978 and earning an Associate's degree in Data Processing from Manchester Community College and a Certificate in Business Data Processing from the Computer Processing Institute. Dave worked as a computer programmer at Aetna for several years before moving to South Carolina where he followed his entrepreneurial spirit starting his own computer consulting business "Affordable Automation, Inc." and later entering the automotive industry with his car dealership "AutoHounds."

Dave was an avid golfer. He loved music and especially enjoyed playing the guitar with his son, Aaron. Dave was most proud of Aaron's musical talents and never missed an opportunity to attend his performances. We know Dave will be watching future performances from Heaven above.

Dave is survived by his son, Aaron Michael McKone of Rock Hill, SC; his mother, Janet Paradis McKone of Bloomfield, CT; five sisters and their families: Eileen Deville, husband Geoff, children Geoffrey, Ryan and Meghan of Durham, CT; Kathleen Markham, husband Tom, children Lea and Nicholas of Lancaster, MA; Maureen Suzio, husband Jim, children, Jonathon, William and Bennet of Meriden, CT; Irene Briggs, husband James, children Mason, Madison and Jacob of Califon, NJ; and Colleen Bonadies, husband Bryan, children Taylor, Brooke, Jordan and Ethan of Tolland, CT; his Aunt Phyllis Fecteau of Kensington, CT and several cousins. Dave was predeceased by his father, Frederick William McKone, and brother, John Paul McKone. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Bernard's Church in Rockville, CT on January 6th, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Bernard's Cemetery. Masks are required for services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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Skinger, Leonard M.



Leonard Matthews Skinger, 92, of Wethersfield died peacefully at home on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, after a long illness. He was the beloved husband for 61 years of Lucy Banulski Skinger and the son of the late Leonard and Mary (Zywno) Skinger of Middletown. He was born Dec. 28th, 1929 in Middletown, Ct. and lived most of his life in Wethersfield. His professional life was devoted to the education of young people. After graduating from the Teachers College of CT. he taught Industrial Arts at the Silas Deane Jr. High School. Len served in the Army and returned to his job in Wethersfield in 1955. Having completed his Masters Degree at Hillyer College, he became a counselor at the Samuel B. Webb Middle School and later at Wethersfield High School. He completed Advanced Graduate studies in Administration at the University of Hartford. Retirement from the Wethersfield school system was in 1991 but he continued for 6 years as a tutor at Wethersfield High School. He played handball 3 times a week for over 50 years and served on the governing board of the Middlesex County YMCA. His craftsman skills were evident in the many projects in his home and at the Summer home at Bashan Lake, East Haddam. As an avid fisherman he was a member of the Massachusetts Beach Buggy Assoc., Rhode Island Sports fisherman Assoc., and the Central Conn. Striper Club as president and vice president for many years. He was predeceased by his son Lawrence Skinger of Wethersfield. He is survived by several cousins and many nieces and nephews. Heartfelt appreciation and thanks: to caregivers, nurses and therapists at Nutmeg Agency, Hartford Healthcare at Home, Independence at Home and Trinity Health at Home for their excellent care. In consideration of Len's wishes and COVID, services will be private, at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Incarnation, Prospect St., Wethersfield, the St John Paul 2nd Regional School, South Main St. Middletown, 06457 or to a charity of the donor's choice. To share a memory with the family, please visit www.dillonbaxter.com

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Banfield, James E.



James E. Banfield, 73, of South Glastonbury, beloved husband to Susan Banfield, passed away peacefully at home on December 23, 2021. An Army veteran, Jim was born in Hartford, CT on February 16, 1948, the son of the late Elliot and Florence Banfield of Rocky Hill. Besides his loving wife and best friend, Susan, he leaves his daughter, Sherry Myers and husband, Henry, his beloved granddaughters, Devin and Paige Myers of South Glastonbury, his son, James M. Banfield and partner Marilyn Meyer of South Glastonbury, Ashley (Meyer) Kruse and Travis Meyer and their families. In addition, he is survived by his sister, Carol Russo, his brother, Mark Banfield and wife, Nancy, and his brother, Brian Banfield and wife, Linda. He was predeceased by his brother, Wayne "Pete" Banfield. Jim also leaves his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Linda and Gerry Biron, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and Pauline Gosselin, sister-in-law, Nancy Gosselin, and many nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law, Diane Rivest. Jim was the manager of United Paint and Wallpaper in Wethersfield for 50 years and recently worked in the paint department at Katz Hardware in Glastonbury. He was a wonderful boss to his employees, and over the years had countless loyal customers who became his friends. Jim enjoyed cars, music, fishing, reading and his dogs. He especially enjoyed racing go-karts and working as the crew chief and "motorman" on his son's prostock team. He was very proud of his granddaughters carrying on the racing tradition when they recently started racing quarter midget cars. The family would like to thank family and friends for all their help and support during his illness. The family would also like to express their appreciation to the nursing staff on CB2 in the Conklin Building at Hartford Hospital. There will be no service or calling hours at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held later in the spring and will be announced.

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Brenton, Joseph



Joseph Brenton, (known as Joe to his friends and co-workers and Gaetan to his family) was a long-time Durham resident who died peacefully on December 21, 2021 at his son Leo's house in Lewes, Delaware, in the company of family members. Joe was born in 1930 in Lewiston, Maine and he worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 38 years. He is predeceased by his loving wife Pauline, and his sons Marc and Daniel, and his grandson Nathan Field. He is survived by Michael of Wellfleet, MA, Jeannine Adams of Sudbury, MA, Paul of Killingworth, CT, Marie Field of Haddam, CT, Leo of Lewes, Delaware, and Cecile Haase of Killingworth, CT. He was blessed with 21 grandchildren. Joe was a founding member of the Knights of Columbus 12289 Notre Dame Council and was also involved with the Boy Scouts of America. He was known for his generosity, good nature, strong work ethic and his devotion to his wife and family. A wake shall be held on Friday February 4, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Doolittle Funeral Home in Middletown, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial shall be said on Saturday at the Church of Our Lady of Mercy/ Notre Dame Church in Durham, CT at 10:00 a.m. The Church will live-stream the Mass (choose "Notre Dame"). A private family burial shall follow at the Mica Hill Cemetery in Durham, CT. The Family appreciates a variety of expressions of condolences. We understand that some people may prefer to offer support in ways other than attending in-person events. Donations in his memory can be made to the Nathaniel B. Field Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association. A Special Thank you from the family to the Delaware Hospice! To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittlefuneralservice.com.

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Dudzinski, Maryann (Deptula)



Maryann (Deptula) Dudzinski, 91, of Rocky Hill, loving wife of the late Francis Dudzinski, passed away peacefully on December 26, 2021 with her family by her side. Born in Poland, the youngest of 12, she was the daughter of the late Blazej and Stanislaw (Giers) Deptula, she moved to Hartford in 1965 where she lived for 10 years before settling in Newington. Maryann began working at Royal Typewriter and then Wiremold where she retired after many years. In her retirement, she enjoyed trips to Mohegan Sun and spending time gardening and being outdoors. She spent her time cooking, entertaining and bringing joy to the lives of her beloved family. Maryann loved to knit and was very talented. She loved making sure that her grandchildren and great grandchildren always had warm hats, scarfs and mittens. Maryann was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and she will be dearly missed by those who were blessed to know her. She leaves her children; Edward Dudzinski of Southington and Elizabeth Mierkiewicz of Rocky Hill; her grandchildren; Thomas Mierkiewicz and his wife Jaqueline of Chatham, NJ, Scott Mierkiewicz and his wife Kate or Newington, Mikey Mierkiewicz and his wife Caitlin of Simsbury and Greg Dudzinski and his wife Amanda of Glastonbury, and her great grandchildren; Thomas, Madeline, Isabelle, Miles, Lucy, Logan, Georgia, Casey and Alison. In addition to her beloved husband Francis, she was predeceased by her son in law Thomas Mierkiewicz and her 11 brothers and sisters. A Mass of Christian burial for Maryann will be held privately and she will be laid to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial is serving the family. To share a message of sympathy with her family, please visit www.duksa.net.



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Morehouse, K. Elwyn

K. Elwyn Morehouse, 89, of Granby, beloved husband of Berdina Faye (Hanscom) Morehouse, passed away on December 25, 2021, at Hartford Hospital after a long illness. Elwyn's family will receive friends on Tuesday January 4, 2021, from 10-11:30AM at The Lodge, 130 Deerfield Ave., Windsor, CT 06095. A funeral service will follow beginning at 11:30AM at the Lodge. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers donations in Elwyn's memory may be made to Destiny Church, PO Box 812, Bloomfield, CT 06002 or <http://ctdestiny.church/>. For the full obituary or condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Doyle, Dale C. (Johansen)

Dale C. (Johansen) Doyle, 72, of Broad Brook, wife of the late Robert F. Doyle, passed away peacefully on Dec. 25, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital with her family by her side. She was born in Hartford to the late John P. Johansen Jr. and Lois (Joyner) Parlee. She was predeceased by her brother John P. Johansen III.

People who knew Dale remember her as a kind, caring, fun-loving woman who had a joke for every occasion. Her outgoing personality made her a perfect fit for the hospitality industry, the field in which she worked most of her life. Dale was deeply devoted to her family and friends, and she saw the best in people, always. Some of her most cherished memories were times spent in Pennsylvania at the log cabin she shared with her husband Bob and their dog Bandit.

Dale is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa & Michael Koneski of Windsor, and Angela & Chris Sawyer of Bristol, brother Kurt Johansen of Springfield, niece Samantha Chouinard and family of Windsor Locks, beloved aunt Alma Mooney of Windsor Locks, and several cousins and dear friends.

Relatives and friends may gather on Saturday Jan. 8, 2022 from 1-3 PM at the Bassinger & Dowd Funeral Home, 37 Gardner Street, East Windsor. In appreciation of the care and assistance that Bob and Dale received, memorial donations may be made to The American Legion, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, 864 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford CT 06114.

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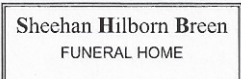
Koonankeil, Emmanuel "Jaison" Vincent



We mournfully announce the passing of Emmanuel "Jaison" Vincent Koonankeil, 44, of El Paso, TX. Jaison passed away on December 21, 2021. Jaison was born on July 3, 1977 in New York City, NY and raised in West Hartford, CT graduating from Conard High School in 1995. He was accepted into the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Connecticut in 1995 graduating in 2000.



Upon his graduation Jaison enlisted in the Army and attained the rank of Captain prior to his retirement from military service in 2012. Jaison defended our country honorably serving two tours in Iraq during war time. While Jaison never married, he lived a full and vibrant life with more friends than you could count. His nephews and nieces meant more to him than words can describe. Jaison also leaves behind his two dogs, Dre and Biggie, who served as his loyal companions. When Jaison retired he devoted most of his time to helping those in need. We will miss him dearly. Jaison is survived by his parents Mani and Elizabeth Koonankeil-Pakalomattam, his brothers Joe, James, and Jeffrey, his sisters-in-law Jaimol, Reelja, and Jondahl, and his nieces and nephews Abigail, Simon, Benjamin, Ileana, Rebecca, Delilah, and Juliet. Services will be held at St. Thomas Syro Malabar Church of Hartford at 30 Echo Lane, West Hartford, CT 06107 on Friday, January 7, 2022 at 11:00 am. Calling hours at the Church will be prior to the Mass from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The burial will take place following the service at The State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown at 317 Bow Lane, Middletown, CT 06457. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Paws and Stripes (<http://www.pawsandstripes.org/>) or Easterseals Veterans Rally Point (<https://veteransrallypoint.com>)



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Marceau, Kevin B.



Kevin B. Marceau, 63, of Orlando, Florida, passed away on December 16th, 2021, following a heart attack. Kevin was born at Manchester Memorial Hospital on February 3, 1958. He was the son of William H. and Bridget A. Marceau of Manchester, and later of Port St. Lucie, Florida, who predeceased him. Kevin attended school in Manchester and was a 1977 graduate of Manchester High School, where he was a member of the Round Table Singers and Sock and Buskin theater group, playing the lead in their performance of Godspell. Following graduation, Kevin began working for the U. S. Postal Service before beginning a new career in the Banking Industry. This led to a relocation to San Francisco, California, where he lived for many years. A second career change, led to his work in the Health Care field. Following his retirement, Kevin relocated to Florida to be near his parents in their final years. In his youth, Kevin was a Champion Irish Step Dancer, winning numerous competitions and awards throughout the Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts area. He was a lifelong Red Sox fan watching all the games on NESN in Florida. Kevin was a very kind and gentle man with a fine sense of humor.

He is survived by his brothers William F. Marceau of Coventry, CT, and Peter Colin Marceau and his wife Alice of Port St. Lucie, Fl. Also surviving him, are his Uncle William B. Lynn of Manchester, CT, along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and a grandnephew. Funeral arrangements are provided by John F. Tierney Funeral Home, Manchester, CT. Calling hours will be 5 to 7 pm, Friday, January 7th, and 9 to 10 am Saturday, January 8th. A service will be conducted at 10 am Saturday at the funeral home, with burial in East Cemetery to follow. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you make a donation to your favorite charity.



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Rydingsward , Robert J

Robert Rydingsward, 54, of East Hartford, died on Monday, December 27, 2021. Robert was born in Hartford on April 19, 1967, son of the late Robert Rydingsward and Ann Rydingsward. Robert Leaves to cherish his memories, his sister, Raina Kranz and her husband Gerald of Stafford Springs; aunt, Catherine Clark of Windsor, and cousin, Mark Cartelli and his wife Jessica of East Hartford. Funeral services will be held 7pm, Thursday, January 6, 2022, at the Carmon Community Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave. Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 4pm-7pm. For the complete obituary and online condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Dipierro, Theresa M.



Theresa Dipierro, 99, of Newington, CT passed away peacefully Wednesday, December 29, 2021 surrounded by her family. Theresa was born on July 14, 1922 in New Britain, CT and was the daughter of the late Catherine (Luciano) and Joseph Mirabelli. She married the love of her life, Rocco Dipierro on November 8, 1947 and they spent 73 was blissful years together until Rocco's passing on February 9, 2021. We can find peace that Theresa and Rocco are reunited and he was waiting for her with open, loving arms. Theresa enjoyed summer vacations with her family in Long Island, traveling to Florida and Atlantic City, New Jersey with her beloved husband. You could often find her watching horse racing on TV which she really enjoyed. Theresa devoted her entire life to her husband and children. She was a loving, caring wife, mother and grandmother who was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Theresa is survived by her four children, Rocco Dipierro and his wife Martha, Robert Dipierro, Mary Salafia, and Anna Dipierro. She also leaves behind four grandchildren, Jamie, Michael, Emily, and Joseph. She leaves behind her brother, Peter Mirabelli and several nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her sisters, Rose Mangiafico, Gloria Motto, Rena Motto and her brother, Leo Mirabelli.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Theresa will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church St., Newington, CT. Family and friends may call on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Theresa will be lovingly laid to rest in St. Mary Cemetery, 1141 Stanley St., New Britain, CT. To share a memory with Theresa's family, please visit us at www.duksa.net



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Danielczuk, Gail (Szall)



Gail (Szall) Danielczuk, 97, beloved wife of the late Edward A. Danielczuk, passed away at home on Christmas Day, December 25, 2021. Gail was born in Union City, Pennsylvania on September 17, 1924 to the late Anna (Dembicka) and Anthony Szall. She attended a one room schoolhouse in Union City for grade school and left home at the age of fourteen to attend high school in Cambridge Springs. She went on to nursing school at Allegheny College, and later served as an officer in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. After moving to Connecticut, she worked at Hartford Hospital. Gail was proud of her nursing career, and worked as a nurse for numerous other organizations, including the Veterans Hospital and the State of Connecticut.

A member of St. Mary's Church throughout the years, Gail was also a longtime member of the Newington Senior Center where she helped the attending nurse for many years. One of her favorite activities was singing with the Swinging Singing Seniors. She especially cherished attending her grandchildren's activities. In addition to her late husband of 58 years, she leaves four children, Mark, of Newington, Paul, and his wife, Cathy, of Andover, John, and his wife, Katherine, of Enfield and Carol Wright, and her husband, Robb of East Haddam. She was a loving grandmother of seven: Eric, Bryan, Alyson, Michael, Kara, Zak, and Alex. She also leaves her sister-in-law, Jane Ball, of Wethersfield, as well as many nieces and nephews. Interment with military honors will be scheduled at a later date at the Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 855 Asylum Ave., Hartford, CT 06105 or a charity of the donor's choice. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington is serving the family. To share a memory with Gail's family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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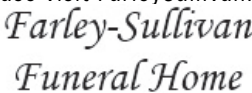
Lavoie, William E.



William E. Lavoie, 91, of Rocky Hill, husband to Elaine (Johnson) Lavoie, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, December 29th, 2021. He was born in Franklin, New Hampshire to the late William and Lottie (Bolduc) Lavoie. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served part of his duties as a chauffeur to the Colonel

Governor's Island, New York. In his professional life, he started as a tool and die maker at Hamilton Standard and went on to become an Engineer at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft for 38 years, where he was called back as a consultant after his retirement.

He was a devoted father to all of his 6 children and enjoyed backyard pool parties, barbecues, and endless games of cards with all of his extended family. His life continues through his children: Dennis and Jeanne Lavoie of Wethersfield, Brian and Kimberly Lavoie of Ellington, Norine and Richard O'Neil of Florida, Carole and Robert Teeter of Florida, and Tina and Wayne Menard of Prospect. He is survived by his 13 grandchildren and 13 more great-grandchildren. William is survived by his loving sister Cecile Bitler of Florida and Elaine and Joseph Brown of Vernon. William is also survived by Elaine's loving daughters Kathryn and Russell Porter of Tolland, Lynne and Jamal Heneidi of California, and Elisabeth and Antonio Ginatta Kingsbury of Washington. 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. William was predeceased by his loving wife of 43 years, Gladys Berquices Lavoie, sister Teresa Manion, brothers, Emil and Andrew Lavoie, his daughter, Darlene Krepcio, her son David Krepcio. William E. Lavoie has touched the lives of so many with his humor, compassion, and devotion to his loved ones. His memory lives on whenever his friends and family shuffle their decks of cards for their next pin-nacle game. The family would like to extend thanks to the Middlesex Hospice and Dynamic Touch Homecare and special thanks to William's CNA, Arlene. To leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com



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Boyle, Michael J.



Michael James Boyle, 91, of Rockville Vernon, CT, after a short illness, passed away on Wednesday December 8, 2021 with his family by his side. He was born on September 4, 1930, in Hartford CT, the oldest of three boys. His parents were Hugh and Elizabeth (O'Reilly) Boyle of County Cavan, Ireland. He and his wife, Mary Shea Boyle, had 8 children. He grew up in Hartford, in Rainbow next to Bradley Field, and then again in Hartford. When in Rainbow, he helped his family raise, train and race Greyhounds. He attended St. Thomas Seminary and Hartford High School, and then served in the National Guard when they were federalized during the Korean War. He received a letter of Commendation while training in the 169th Infantry Regiment Training School as a Sergeant – “he brought credit...exceptional control...an outstanding job”. He was sent to Germany to serve the rest of his time in the Guard. When discharged he briefly worked for Hartford Ins. Co. and started college at Hillyer College, now part of the University of Hartford, and received a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration. Mike met his wife, Mary, right after her graduation from Hartt College in 1952. She was an organist/choir director at St Patrick’s Church in Farmington, and he was singing for a friend’s wedding there. Mike was a great singer of everything from popular music of the time to Irish ballads. They were married in 1953. When he graduated in 1956 Mary and Mike had two children and a third on the way!

The first parish they attended was St Patrick’s in Farmington where Mary was organist, until their third child was born. Later they moved to Southington parish, and two years later they moved to Long Island. Mike worked part time for a large shoe retailing business while in school and went to work full time for them after graduation. He loved retailing and moved along very quickly into management positions for their company stores. He was moved to stores on Long Island, expecting his fourth child, finally a daughter after three wonderful boys. He managed stores on LI, White Plains, Manhattan, and back to LI while he and Mary had two more boys and two daughters. Together they were involved in music for the parishes they lived in while on LI, along with the Boy Scouts and various school organizations. Mike might have been transferred with a promotion to the Midwest, but they wanted to stay closer to family. He and Mary chose to come back to CT and with family help, they opened their own retail store, first specializing in accessories and then adding shoes and clothing - having three stores at one time. Many of their children worked in their stores, learning a job that Mike could really share with them. He loved teaching them about working with customers. It was fun as well as work. After twenty-four years he closed the store, Mary Lewis/Footsteps, as Manchester was rebuilding Main Street. As a member of Saint Bernard’s parish council, Mike helped start a Third World Committee to build support for Haitian Ministries. After retiring from the Manchester store, he became Director of Haitian Ministries, for 6 years, for the Norwich Diocese in Connecticut. He brought many groups of parishioners to Haiti to visit missions, hospitals and schools that needed help. The family attended Holy Family Church in Hicksville LI for 9 years, St Hugh’s in Huntington Station for 2 years and moved to CT where they attended St Bernard’s Church for over 40 years and were very active. He was Cantor, Lector, on the Parish Council, Religious Ed teacher and active in the Parish Family Program, which was one of the best experiences ever. He also was an active member of St. Patrick St. Anthony in Hartford, for several years. He was the first director of the Tri-Town Pantry Shelf. He also had much concern for the area’s social service needs. Mike was active in working with the farm workers advocacy group to help to support the United Farm Workers Union when they organized to aid the people picking crops on the farms with pesticides, hard working conditions, low wages and health hazards. In 1975 Mike helped to persuade the parish of St Bernard’s to sponsor a Vietnamese family of six children and their parents/family when they were forced to exit their country. This was very successful due to the cooperation of so many wonderful people. Mike and Mary welcomed the recommendations from the Second Vatican Council for so many changes in the church, including more lay leadership and more female leadership. Although they appreciated the existing strong and loving church leaders, they felt they were missing the help and participation and the inspiration of half the Church’s population. Mike and Mary were deeply engaged with learning and sharing the joys of this new outlook on ministry and the role of all parishioners in the church. Camping, in a shared pop-up camper, was one of Mike’s special times with his family of ten! The family visited so many places to hike, to swim and to enjoy the outdoors. Mike always did breakfast, especially bacon and eggs or pancakes and was up before everyone else! Another favorite place, even before he was married, was to be at the lake where Mary’s family was building a cottage and all that comes with being at the lake – swimming, boating and hiking around the lake. It is still the family’s favorite place to gather. He loved visiting with family for their many special occasions – many nearby as well as many from San Diego. Mike and Mary found a way to visit many Caribbean islands and European countries. Mike was a wonderful, loving and caring dad to all his children. They all grew up sharing a loving attitude for helping people and being of service to others. Mike is survived by his eight children and their spouses: Michael (Lurene Ekwurtzel), Lawrence (Cindy), Thomas, Mary Beth (Tim Riegan), William (Sara), John (Polly Smith), Patricia (Eric Boyle-Wight), Maureen (Dan Phelps), as well as 18 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Mike and Mary’s latest great grandsons were born just days before his death. Mike was the last surviving brother of his family, which included Hugh and John. He leaves behind his wife, Mary, of over 68 years of marriage, and 2 sisters in law, Pilar Shea and Gail Boyle. In addition, he leaves many loving nieces and nephews. We want to thank all the medical staff - from our loyal doctors, Manchester Memorial Hospital and Rockville General Hospital, and the visiting medical professionals for their caring service. The staff at Rockville Emergency were especially sensitive to our family for many hours during Mike’s last hours of hugs, prayers, music, and blessings by Rev. George Busto, Jr., until he passed away peacefully. Thank you all. At the family’s request, there will be no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday January 10, 2022 at St Bernard’s Church (25 St. Bernard’s Terrace in Rockville, Connecticut). Masks will be required inside the church. Graveside service and burial immediately to follow at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT. A Celebration of Life gathering will follow in the spring/summer. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Church World Services at cwsglobal.org or to the Cornerstone Foundation in Rockville, Connecticut at <https://www.cornerstone-cares.org/>. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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Jordan, Stephen A



Stephen A. Jordan, 71, passed away peacefully on December 17, 2021 after a short battle with liver cancer. He was born in Hartford on November 3rd, 1950, the son of the late Catherine (Slavin) Jordan and Frank Jordan. He was predeceased by his brother Bob of Darien, CT, and leaves behind two nephews, Chris and Garrett. Steve will be lovingly remembered by his beloved son, Ryan and his former wife, Marygene Cosma Jordan. He also leaves his loyal friends: Tom Carbone, Mike Smith, Mike Starkowski and many others, and was predeceased by friends Michael Martin and Glenn Parent. Steve graduated from UConn with a BFA in acting, and was cast in many local productions. He was Sales & Marketing Director at the Hartford Civic Center, where he worked from 1977 to 1992. In recent years he drove the mini-bus for the Town of Rocky Hill and spoke fondly of his riders. He enjoyed his last job as an usher at the Hartford Yard Goats this past summer. Steve loved sports, especially UConn basketball and the Boston Celtics. Known for his sense of humor, he was liked by many. He loved animals especially his two cats, Lily and Daisy. Brooklawn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. A private luncheon for close friends and family will be held in the near future.

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Laskowski, Catherine



Catherine Laskowski, a long-time resident of Rocky Hill, CT, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 22, 2021. She was born on October 27, 1937 at Hartford Hospital. She was a survivor of the famous Hartford Circus Fire of 1944. She worked for Paul Panebianco, a builder, for over 50 years until his passing. She was married to Stanley Wisniewski, with whom she had a baby boy, who sadly passed away at three days old. Catherine, affectionately known as Cathy, was a loving, kind, and caring person. She leaves behind her two cats, Smokey and Kit. Numerous caring friends and family members, including her nephew David Bentley, and his wife, Sue; her niece Debbie Wisneski, her husband Doug, and their family of Berlin; and her longtime physician, Dr. Sukhwant M. Sethi, and his wife of Simsbury, will remember Cathy. Friends may call from 8:30 to 9:30 am at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Road, Wethersfield. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Catherine’s life will take place at 10:00am in Corpus Christi Church of Christ the King Parish, 601 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT. Masks will be required. In lieu of flowers, and Catherine’s love for cats, please make a donation made to Connecticut Cat Connection, 40 Stevens Mill Road, Windsor, CT 06095. Burial will follow in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield. To extend condolences please visit FarleySullivan.com.

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Muldoon, Daniel R. "Danny"



Daniel R. "Danny" Muldoon, 61, of West Hartford, CT passed away after a short illness on Sunday, December 27, 2021. Danny was born on October 12, 1960 to Robert E. Muldoon and Florence W. (Weitz) Muldoon of West Hartford, CT. A Conard High School graduate, Danny lived most of his life in West Hartford. He was a talented automotive mechanic working for many years at N&W Autobody. Danny was a passionate fisherman and First Mate on board the "Sea Cow" with his best friend and "brother" PJ Cronin out of Westbrook, CT.

Danny leaves his mother, Florence W. Muldoon, sister Kathleen M. Hunt (Gary) of Southington, CT, niece Dana L. Hunt, West Hartford, CT, nephew Steven G. Hunt (Jessica) Avon, CT and great nephew Brayden A. Hunt and great niece Brinlee Q. Hunt, both of Avon, CT. He also leaves Uncle Carl Weitz (Susan) of New Britain, CT and cousins Kristyn (Ed) Manemeit, Todd Weitz, Amy Fountain, Greg Weitz and Melanie Weitz, Kelly Cronin, Tracy (Ian) Lynch and Peter (PJ) Cronin.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at the Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave, West Hartford, CT. Relatives and friends may call at the Funeral Home from 10:00-11:00 a.m. prior to the Service. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of the donor’s choice. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Powell, Jr., Pastor Hubert L.



Pastor Hubert L. Powell, Jr., 72 of Windsor, CT, passed away December 28, 2021. Affectionally known to all as Pastor Powell was born to the late Hubert L. Powell, Sr and Edith Jefferson Powell in Hartford, CT on December 2, 1949. Pastor Powell was the leader of Latter Rain Christian Fellowship COGIC for 36 years. Pastor Powell leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Jacquelyn E. Powell, his sons Hubert L. Powell III, William "Billy" Powell Sr. (Joi) Powell, Kevin Powell, 1 brother, 2 sisters and a host of Grandchildren, relatives, friends, and his church family, Latter Rain Christian Fellowship COGIC (formally known as Holy Trinity COGIC). A wake and viewing for Pastor Powell will take place on Thursday, January 6, 2022, from 6:00PM-9:00PM at Latter Rain Christian Fellowship COGIC, 3200 Main Street., Hartford CT. A memorial concert will take place on Friday, January 7, 2022, from 7:00PM-10:00PM at First Cathedral Church, 1151 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield, CT. A celebration of Pastor Powell’s life will take place on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 10:00am with a visitation from 9:00am – 10:00am at First Cathedral Church, 1151 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield, CT. Interment will be held at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield CT. To leave a message of comfort for the Powell family and the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Mataosian, Jennie



Jennie (Tyz) Mataosian passed away on Friday, December 17, 2021 at the age of 95. Born in New Britain on November 18, 1926, Jennie lived in her home on Ruth Road for seventy years, and was a charter member of St. Jerome Church. She was kind, compassionate and quick-witted, and will be remembered for her great love of pastry, candy, and potatoes. Jennie is survived by her daughter Lauren, and son-in-law Kerry Johnson of Westbrook, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She loved being “Mrs. Toe” to Lynn Cantafi, Lisa Scotella, and their families, and always thought of them as her family. Jennie was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Mataosian, and her daughter, Jane Tarca. The daughter of the late Frank and Mary Tyz, she was predeceased by her brothers Aloysius, Joseph, Walter, and Lucien Tyz and her sisters Mary Tyz and Helen Gacek. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Jennie on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at St. Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Avenue, New Britain at 10:30am. Masks are required and COVID protocol will be followed by all in attendance. New Britain Memorial & Donald D. Sagarino Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. For an online memorial, please visit www.NewBritainSagarino.com.

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Marshall, Peter R.



Peter R Marshall, 56, of Andover, CT, passed away on December 26th, 2021 at home, wrapped in the intense love of his family. Peter attended Windham High School, University of Rhode Island and WPI. He worked as an Engineer at Parsons in Charlotte, and Brinjac Kambic in Harrisburg before changing careers and joining Conning, an investment portfolio management company in Hartford. Peter’s prominent role in his 18 years at Conning was as Director of Risk Management and compliance. Peter was most proud of attaining his goal of running all 169 towns in CT, including the Hartford Marathon. He was a member of the Run 169 Town Society, whose members surrounded him with support to finish his last race in November 2019 and crowned him “King Peter”. Loving the water, Peter was a member of the Columbia canoe club and an avid kayaker, wind surfer and swimmer. Peter’s favorite place was the beach. He loved traveling, dancing, golf and was a handyman extraordinaire, able to design, build and fix anything. Peter was a gentle, gracious man who lived to help others. Peter is survived by his wife, Lisa; his father Richard Marshall; his children Sam Marshall and his wife Oliva, Sarah Marshall, Thomas Brenner, Sarah Brehant and her husband Dan, Zachary Brenner and his wife Priscilla, and Grandson Sonny Brenner; Sister Ann-Marie Larson and her husband Russ, and sister Rebecca Bentley. He was predeceased by his Mother Andrea Marshall earlier this year. Peter’s life will be celebrated with a service beginning at 11 am on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson Street, Willimantic. His family will receive relatives and friends on Tuesday, January 4th from 12:00pm to 2:00 pm at the funeral home. The family requests colorful attire be worn. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Peter and Lisa’s Walk to End Alzheimer’s: <http://act.alz.org/goto/OhHelloAlzheimers>. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com.

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Stapleton, Sr. , Randolph A.



Randolph A. Stapleton, Sr., 78, of Windsor, beloved husband for over 56 years of Eileen (Wattley) Stapleton, passed on Sunday, December 12, 2021. In addition to his beloved wife, Eileen, he is survived by his children, Lyndon Stapleton, Sr. and his wife Earline Joseph, Dwight Stapleton, Sr. and his wife Karen, Wayne Stapleton, Jr. and significant other Lindy Lee, Randolph Stapleton, Jr. and his significant other Marsha Mack, Vance Stapleton, Sr. and his wife Yamily, Karen Stapleton, and Natasha Stapleton; 23 grandchildren; many great grandchildren; four siblings; and a host of other relatives and friends. His family will receive friends on Saturday, January 8, 9-10 a.m., with a Celebration of Life, 10 a.m., at International Gospel Fellowship, 650 Park Ave., Windsor. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Windsor. To read the full obituary or attend the service remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Stigas, Carolyn M



Our wonderful mom passed away on 12/16/21. Mom was born 7/6/32, to John and Adelaide (Meehan) Luippold. She was the youngest of 4 children who all have predeceased her: Charlotte Mahoney, John Luippold, and Adelaide D’Amore. Mom attended Girls Latin School in Boston, graduating in 1950 & went on to Boston Clerical School. When she completed her studies she moved to Washington, DC and worked for the Navy. She returned to Boston and worked in the Press Department as a secretary for Governor Herter. Then she met Dad. When mom found out Dad had an airplane, she made sure to get a date with him because she wanted a ride. She married Edward Stigas on June 18, 1955. She lost her dear Ed in 1979. Mom’s lasting joy was her family. She leaves her daughters, their husbands, & grandchildren: Barbara & James Russell (Alexandra & Daniel), of Manchester, CT; Lorraine & Jeffrey Nalewajk (Steven & Michael), of Columbia, CT; Valerie & William Crowell of Granby, CT; Lynne & Kevin McKinnon (Katherine, Gregory, & Elizabeth) of Quincy, MA. Her family would like to extend our deepest thanks to the staff at The Arbors of Hop Brook. We would also like to thank Florense Agyeman, her aide. The support Mom was given from all of you gave our family peace of mind, knowing she was well cared for and looked after. A mass to celebrate her life will be determined at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her honor to St Jude’s Children’s Hospital, the CT Alzheimer’s Association (200 Executive Blvd, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489), & the CT Children’s Medical Center Hematology Oncology Department. For the full obituary or to share a memory please visit www.nep-tunesociety.com.

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Setsky, Carol A. Gaudette



Carol A. (Gaudette) Setsky, 85, beloved wife of James “Sonny” Setsky, passed away on, December 29, 2021, with her loving family by her side. She is the daughter of the late Clare “Pete” and Esther (Potter) Gaudette. Carol is survived by her husband, James, and her daughter, Susan Setsky, and her partner, Jeri Graham, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by one brother and five sisters. Carol was an avid sports fan and loved her Red Sox and the UConn Women’s Basketball program. A special thanks to her niece, Randi Kerin, for the loving help and care given to Carol, as well as Dr. Pawan Karanam, Dr. Richard Shumway and the staff at the Smilow Cancer Center at St. Francis Hospital. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society. Services are private and at the convenience of the family. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Wright, Jane Gray

Jane Gray Wright, daughter of the late Francis and Elizabeth (Betty) Gray, was born November 14, 1925, in Troy, NY, died December 26, 2021. Jane was predeceased by her sister, Dorothy. She spent most of her childhood in Saginaw, MI, before her family moved east; she graduated from Hall High School in West Hartford, CT. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 72 years Harold “Hal” B. Wright, Jr., whom she met at Oberlin College and married in 1948. She was the devoted mother to five sons, H(arold) Gray Wright and wife Margaret of Rochester, NY, Bruce C. Wright and wife Ellen of Magnolia, MA, David B. Wright of Simsbury, CT, Howard H. Wright and wife Elizabeth “Betsy” Nichols of Canton, CT and Steven F. Wright and wife Margaret “Meg” of Indian Land, SC; eight grandchildren, Douglas B. Wright and wife Kim of Holmes, NY, Jeffrey H. Wright and wife Heather of Tucson, AZ, Elizabeth B. Wright of Meriden, CT, Jillian B. Wright of Providence, RI, Wesley Wright Nichols of Catskill, NY, Emily Nichols Stanley and husband Jared of Wakefield, MA, David W. Wright and wife Abigail of Matthews, NC, and Barbara “Bobbie” Jane Wright of Charlotte, NC and four great-grandchildren, Tyler and Ryan Wright, Emma Gray Kampper, and Olivia Jane Wright. Besides graduating from Oberlin College, Jane earned a Master’s degree from Boston University. She taught fifth and sixth grade classes in Westwood, MA, and Glastonbury, CT, retiring in 1988. She supported Camp Jewell YMCA, the camp her father Francis Gray was instrumental in relocating from New Hampshire to Connecticut. Tennis and running were her favorite sports (she trained with the men’s track team in college since there was no women’s team). She also enjoyed knitting, quilting, sketching, and watercolor painting. Jane was a member of the First Church of Christ in Simsbury. Her family will make private arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Camp Jewell YMCA. The Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury is caring for the arrangements. Please visit Jane’s “Book of Memories” at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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











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A road map to responsible dining

Vaccine mandates will help restaurants as pandemic continues to rage

By Heide Lang and Mark D. Siegel

As omicron fuels a dramatic surge in COVID-19 cases, indoor dining in Connecticut is more dangerous than ever. One of us (Heide) is a professional chef. The other (Mark) is an ICU physician. Together, we own The Fig Cooking School in Milford. We love nothing more than eating out but find ourselves unable to do so safely. Our state's failure to require standard safety measures exposes restaurant customers and staff to needless risk.

There is, however, a clear road map to responsible indoor dining once COVID-19 subsides to containable levels. With COVID-19 positivity rates currently at 20%, indoor dining in restaurants is currently too dangerous, particularly for people who are unvaccinated or vulnerable because of underlying health conditions. As business owners, we know firsthand that restaurants are struggling and dependent on keeping tables full, but we're also committed to protecting the health of customers and staff. It just takes one infected customer or employee to spread COVID-19, potentially sending someone to the hospital or worse. The path to making restaurants safe once infection levels subside is clear. First, Connecticut restaurants should require proof of vaccination as a condition of service, just as their counterparts are doing in New York City, Boston, and Chicago. Second, Connecticut should fund free rapid testing for customers to add a layer of safety. Third, eateries should open doors and windows to maximize ventilation and encourage outdoor dining when the weather allows. Fourth, employees and customers should wear masks when not

actively eating. Currently, 75% of Connecticut residents are vaccinated. Of the measures we recommend, requiring proof of vaccination seems to be the most controversial, but it should be a no-brainer. Many potential customers avoid restaurants right now but would return if safe. The Fig Cooking School offers a prime example. After closing for 15 months at the start of the pandemic, Fig reopened in June 2021, requiring all customers to show proof of vaccination. A handful of customers sought exemptions, but the overwhelming majority told us the opposite: They readily signed up for cooking classes because our policy made them feel safe. Dozens tell us it's the first time they've eaten indoors with strangers since the pandemic began. "If we go to a restaurant and everyone is vaccinated, at least we know we're not going to the hospital," says Gail Kerwin, a nurse anesthetist at Yale-New Haven Hospital and a frequent Fig customer. She is concerned for other customers too. "If I was an asymptomatic carrier, I wouldn't want to be responsible for giving the virus to someone else. When you

walk in a restaurant that requires the vaccine, they are caring for both me and themselves. I have felt comfortable at Fig, knowing the staff and people are vaccinated. I feel like there's a shield." Vaccine requirements would also protect staff and attract potential employees. These days, the food industry is struggling to find workers, but not Fig: we recently had 340 people apply for a dishwashing position and 80 apply for a highly experienced assistant position. Just like customers, workers seek safety. While some fear this approach would be unwelcoming, our experience has been the reverse. Fig's revenue has returned to nearly pre-pandemic levels because customers and staff know we're doing everything possible to keep them safe. Ensuring safety is the key to the restaurant industry's success. Just as no one should worry about contracting food poisoning when they dine, they should not have to worry about inhaling a deadly virus when they breathe. Right now, amid one of the worst COVID-19 surges the state has seen, no one can guarantee the safety of indoor dining. But once the numbers come down, all restaurants should take the steps needed to maximize safety: mandatory vaccination, rapid testing when available, maximal ventilation and outdoor dining, and masking for everyone who isn't actively eating. These measures are good for customers, good for business, and crucial to ending this pandemic. Heide Lang is the founder and culinary director of The Fig Cooking School. Mark D. Siegel is a pulmonary and critical care physician at Yale New Haven Hospital.



Gov. Ned Lamont receives his first dose of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine on Feb. 16 at The First Cathedral church in Bloomfield. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Not time to return to normal — or to vacation in Fla. if you're the gov



Kevin Rennie

Winter was always going to bring one more surge of COVID. Public health experts have been warning for months that we would face an increase in infections through the unvaccinated and breakthrough cases. That increase, now coming true with the surg-

ing omicron, requires us to adopt some of the practices we thought were behind us. I've found Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of the Brown University School of Public Health, a reliable and calm source of information and guidance in his podcast appearances. He warned last summer that this winter would bring an escalation in infections, misery and death. Our state leaders, full of praise for themselves over the vaccine rollout, appear unprepared for this foreseeable wave. Where was Gov. Ned Lamont?

As the infection rate closed in on a jarring 20% of those tested, the Greenwich Democrat was phoning it in — from Florida. With hundreds of people stuck in hospital emergency rooms for hours as they wait for beds to become available, Lamont was far from the center of what must feel like a crisis to those struggling to breathe in an ER. Yes, 75%-80% of the hospitalized are unvaccinated, but we don't abandon our humanity over other people's heedlessness.

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OPINION

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Sen. Edith Prague, right, is greeted by Rep. Peter Tercyak, who served as her campaign manager when she ran for state Senate. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Proof that Dems, GOP can work together to make government better

By Marc S. Ryan

“Mr. Secretary, Mr. Secretary, can I talk to you for a minute,” she bellowed. I looked back to see Sen. Edith Prague. I thought to myself, “Oh no, what does she want?” as she gained on me in the Capitol as I tried hustling away. With her slight finger pointed in the air, her voice became even louder and she somehow closed the ground and ran up in front of me.

And so began my unlikely friendship with Edith Prague, who sadly died on Dec. 16 at age 96. I was a conservative working for a Republican administration. She was a liberal Democrat.

That day the issue was about supporting a small Medicaid personal care attendant waiver program she wanted toward the end of the legislative session. I was intrigued by her passion and knowledge. What she said made sense so we adopted it that session. And, too, so began years of work together to transform Connecticut’s approach to long-term care. She was my mentor on all things long-term care. It became a passion of mine. Few knew of our closeness, save for then-Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin Sullivan, who would snicker when he saw us

in some corner of the Capitol conspiring on a piece of legislation or budget appropriation to advance long-term care.

“What are you guys up to?” he would say with a sense of pride. Each year, before the governor’s budget came out, I would call her to give her a sneak peak of what we included after our work together. Like a kid at Christmas or Hanukkah, she often could not wait for the call.

Throughout the years, we did a lot for long-term care. Edith taught me that it was a travesty that the poor and middle class had absolutely no alternative but to spend down their assets and go into a nursing home. Only the wealthy had the choice to live in alternatives in the community and maintain their dignity. With Edith’s creativity and perseverance, monumental changes were made, from increasing alternatives to nursing homes funding, eliminating the home-care waiting list, expanding congregate housing, providing home-care services in such settings, and creating Medicaid-funded assisted living. We also created a state-funding-only program for many of these services that also proved amazingly cost-effective. We were so successful that we won national awards and plaudits about how states can close the gap on long-term care alternatives.

I often tell people that everyone needs a legacy — something to be proud of as they reflect on life in later years. In many ways, I see the investments in nursing home alternatives as my legacy for service in Connecticut. But in truth, Edith Prague deserved far more credit than I do. Yet, Edith actually brushed off the credit, content with knowing she had succeeded, ironically working with a conservative young Turk in a Republican administration.

My days in state service often put Edith and me at odds. Sometimes, her press statements might not have seemed terribly friendly toward me — or mine toward her. But deep down, we remained friends — tied together in that one mission she started years before when she did not give up and outran me on the third floor of the Capitol. Even in her 70s, she was quite the sprinter and her drive contagious.

At a public hearing in front of the Appropriations Committee, I once declared myself an “Edith Prague Republican.” At the time, it was said somewhat in jest, but I came to really think of myself that way as my career in health

care took hold. Because of what I learned from Edith, my views very much transformed. I have come to endorse universal access to health care, Medicaid expansion, a strong aging policy and infrastructure, and more. In my health care policy book, “The Healthcare Labyrinth,” she is one of the people I cite as having a huge impact on my life and my thinking. Edith would be proud.

After leaving state service, we tried to keep up — first through phone calls, then by email, and after that by asking others we knew to send our regards to each other. And then contact ceased. We grew apart as often happens in life when both physical distance and time sets in. But there wasn’t a month that didn’t go by when I didn’t ask myself: “What would Edith do?” That is the impact she had on me.

Rest in peace, Edith, and thanks for all you did for seniors and the disabled in the state of Connecticut.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Story shines light on government waste

The situation with Judge Alice Bruno is a perfect example of the taxpayer being beaten by the people who work for the state [Kevin Rennie column, Insight, Page 1, Dec. 26, “Judge has been paid \$350K since leaving job”]. This is one reason many taxpayers don’t like tax increases. It is ludicrous that this judge does not work and gets paid. At what private company could you do this? Any official acting like this should be terminated within a few weeks of not showing up for work.

This judge should have to return the money she has taken from the state, and if she doesn’t respond to state administrators then the state should file fraud charges. Even more disturbing is that the judge can collect a strong

pension. These state rules are completely egregious and should be changed. No one should be allowed to bilk the state like this, and it should never have been allowed to go on for two years. I am hoping that the governor or a state official makes Judge Bruno accountable.

Mark Lewis, West Hartford

We need Lamont to govern once again

The decisive, proactive Gov. Ned Lamont we lauded for his swift pandemic response last year seems to be missing in action. In 2020, he stood his ground and took the heat after mandating masks and imposing strict COVID guidelines. Sure, some people might not have liked it, but we needed it, and the guy saved lives. So, Governor, where are you

now? Are you paying attention to what’s going on in New York and New Jersey? How about super-spreader events at large arenas here at home where masks are shed before fans reach their seats? We are the most self-destructive species on the planet, and we need to be governed. So how about it?

David Katz, Meriden

Stop stalling: Dog should be euthanized

I find it hard to believe that a dog who killed an elderly woman two years ago is still languishing in a state-financed kennel [Connecticut, Page 1, Dec. 23, “Dog can’t go home after fatal mauling”]. The dog was ordered to be euthanized but the owner, who is a former state legislator, has managed to keep dragging

things out even though a Superior Court judge has rejected another request to return the dog to its owner. Why has this been allowed to go on for two years? It is a waste of the court’s time and taxpayer dollars. The animal is dangerous and so is the owner.

Diane Carney, Newington

People are afraid to walk in Hartford

Unless Hartford changes from being anti-pedestrian to pro-pedestrian, the Convention Center will continue to be a failure. Police cars block the pedestrian walkways, officers ignore drivers making right turns on red. People are afraid to walk in Hartford. They’re not afraid of being mugged, they’re afraid they will get run over.

Stanley Maticka, Hartford

Rennie

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From his Florida holiday perch, Lamont blossomed like a libertarian in the sun. With deaths increasing and hospitalizations reaching the 1,000 mark, Lamont handed leadership to local officials, who he declined to join on conference calls this week to announce and then dial back an announcement that home virus test kits would be available Thursday for distribution to the public.

Asked recently if he would consider imposing a mask mandate in Connecticut, Lamont, according to the Courant’s Daniela Altimari, replied, “Well, it’s not curbing the spike in New York City.” It’s a strange time to start rubbishing the usefulness of masks. The state plans to provide local officials with 1 million of them. Lamont’s administration’s mask mandate in schools is under attack in a case before the state’s highest court. Lamont ought to consider the dire cost of going wobbly on masks as infections mount.

Lamont sounded perplexed when he remarked on the widespread absence of masks at the Dec. 17 UConn men’s basketball game at Hartford’s XL Center. Gosh, maybe a governor with emergency powers could have intervened with the leadership of the state’s premier public university.

UConn’s public health policy was captured in a social media post by Speaker of the House Matthew Ritter. The pandemic must be over. At the Dec. 17 game, Ritter posted a photograph of himself and his father, Thomas Ritter, lobbyist, former speaker, and long serving member of the UConn board, in their floor seats, grinning for the camera, maskless in their entitlement.

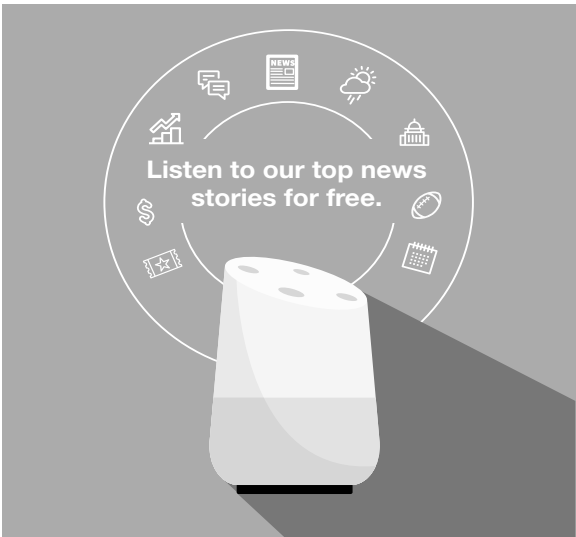
Instead thousands of fans gathered to watch the game. The university’s interim president, Dr. Andrew Agwunobi, still serves as UConn Health’s chief executive officer. A medical doctor heading UConn during a pandemic ought to have made it a priority to explain the need to curb large gatherings in December. Dr. Agwunobi might get a hand from the university’s \$357,000 a year Deputy Director of Athletics, Rachel Rubin. With her background in public ethics, Rubin has decades of experience in finding a way through that thorny path between what an official wants to do and ought to do.

Sense broke through Wednesday when Saturday’s UConn game was canceled.

The governor recently announced he will seek a second term in 2022. Lamont’s campaign finance reports may confirm what we suspect. He’s likely hired a pollster, who now becomes the most powerful force in state government. With just over 11 months to the election, Lamont will dip into his fortune often to take the voting public’s temperature. The governor may not be able to resist the temptation to tell us what he thinks we want to hear, avoid what he thinks we will find unpalatable, or say as little as possible.

We want the pandemic to end so we can return to living as we like. But we can’t, not yet.

This winter, doctors and other public health officials told us, was always going to be another trial followed by relief in the spring, with COVID reduced to a manageable epidemic. It is meeting those expectations — and so must we. One more great heave of our common spirit. Get vaccinated, wear a mask, and, still, keep washing your hands. We don’t need a pollster to tell us that.



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COMMENTARY

Kids missing out on so much as fewer read for fun

By Karin Klein
Los Angeles Times

It was Harry Potter — or, actually, his buddy Hermione Granger — who made my 6-year-old granddaughter enthusiastic about learning to read.

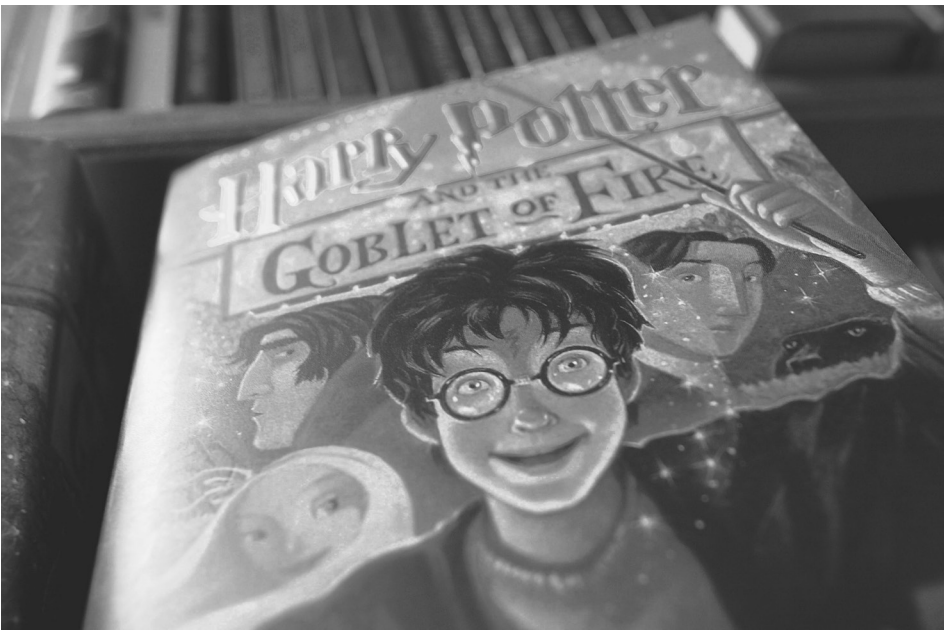
She was reasonably interested in reading before that, though remote learning during most of her kindergarten year means she and all the other first-graders at her charter school along the central coast of California aren't at the pre-pandemic levels of literacy for their age. Then, as my daughter began reading the J.K. Rowling books to her, my granddaughter discovered the girl witch and now is obsessed with books.

Hermione frequents the Hogwarts library and, just for the pleasure of it, absorbs the information within its books. More often than not, that information saves the day for her and her friends. My granddaughter wants to be a heroic brainiac just like Hermione.

Of course, she was probably destined to become a lover of reading. Her parents have doctorates in English literature. My daughter probably got much of her love of reading from me. I got it from my father, who dropped out of high school to support his parents and siblings during the Great Depression, but who nonetheless made weekly trips to the library throughout his life to borrow a stack of books that he would devour. Family background aside, almost any student can love reading.

As a mother who had three kids in public schools, it always bugged me that the elementary school had a voluntary "reading club" in which students received prizes based on how much reading for pleasure they did each week. The message seems wrong: We have to bribe you to read for fun.

All this comes to mind now that a survey by the National Assessment for Educational Progress — the organization that produces the periodic Nation's Report Card based on student testing — found that the numbers of 9- and 13-year-olds who regularly read for pleasure had plum-



One of the Harry Potter books is on display at a Clean Well-Lighted Place For Books, a bookstore in San Francisco. The independent store closed in 2006. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY 2004

meted.

Elementary school children are more likely to read than their older counterparts, according to the survey But still, the number of 9-year-olds who say they read for enjoyment almost every day dropped from slightly more than half in 1984, to 42% during the 2019-20 school year. The trend among middle schoolers is worse. The proportion who frequently read for fun dropped by more than half, to 17%, while the percentage who seldom or never do more than tripled.

(High school students weren't surveyed because the pandemic arrived before NAEP got around to questioning them, but their reading habits were following the same pattern as middle schoolers in earlier years.)

This is worrisome for many reasons. Kids who read for pleasure daily score the highest on reading assessments, according to the American Library Association.

A British study found that reading for

pleasure had much wider benefits, resulting in better vocabulary, spelling and mathematical abilities. And reading for pleasure was more important to those successes than were students' socioeconomic backgrounds. According to the nonprofit reading-advocacy group Kids Read Now, readers also learn better empathy, decision-making and social skills.

One contributor to this dismaying trend seems obvious: Social media and other digital activities are heavy draws and can gobble up hours of time, according to the American Psychological Association.

But some librarians and students point to other reasons. As students advance in school, required reading of textbooks and classroom-assigned literature increases. They may be reading more, but often enjoying it less. Add to that the time demanded by structured activities (at least before the pandemic) such as jobs, sports or other extracurriculars. The homework load also is heavier in high school than in

lower grades, often exceeding the recommended maximum of two hours a day. It's easy to see why picking up a magazine or another book doesn't seem like a great way to decompress.

So if kids are reading social media posts, isn't that just a modern form of reading for pleasure? And if they're hitting the school books, isn't that giving them more than enough exposure to the written word?

Obviously, research on the benefits of reading as a hobby show otherwise. As a book lover and writer, my emotional response is that nonreaders are missing out on greater experiences than social media can give them. The world of the written word, whether it's found in a leather-bound novel or the digital version of a newspaper, is a rich and wondrous place. We expand our horizons every time we enter deeply personal or imagined worlds that may change our outlook on life, teach us how to grow our own vegetables, or, like Hermione, offer the secrets to save the world.

The reliance on social media as a reading outlet instead of more authoritative resources is also helping to fuel beliefs among some people in anti-scientific shibboleths like vaccines causing autism or no evidence that masks help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Reading for pleasure isn't the same as assigned reading because kids need to be able to relax with the reading material of their choice, according to Kids Read Now. As a child, my son used to finish his reading for school and then sigh with pleasure, saying, "Now I can read."

Parents play a key role in this, but many may not realize how important it is to expose their kids to books, magazines and the like. Robust funding of libraries, dedicated specifically to public outreach, children's book sections and fun, free activities for families would help. One of the greatest forms of learning parents and teachers can impart to kids is the joy of reading.

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Inflation today fails to scare old folks

By Virginia Postrel
Bloomberg Opinion

For Americans under 50, inflation is little more than a theoretical concept. But for those of us born in the late 1950s and 1960s, the inflation of the 1970s was a formative experience we'd rather not repeat. Inflation was as much a part of our childhood as COVID is for today's kids.

It was always there in the background. Occasionally it receded, only to return worse than before. Inflation was a sometimes disquieting, sometimes terrifying fact of life.

Everyone from that time remembers gasoline prices shooting up, accompanied by shortages, rationing and long lines at the pump. But inflation is never about a single product or sector. It is an economy-wide phenomenon. Gas prices went up but, equally important, other prices didn't go down.

In the late 1970s, Tom Noonan, then around 20 years old, worked in a Winn-Dixie supermarket in Louisville, Kentucky. His job was to change price tags a couple of times a week. He'd go through the store with a box cutter and a pricing gun, slicing off the old price stickers and applying the new, higher ones. It's one of the 1970s memories that came pouring out from my Facebook friends.

Not every store was so meticulous. Many just slapped the new prices on top of the old ones. "I half remember peeling off price labels to get a lower price (maybe on a book?), not even realizing that what I was doing was wrong or illegitimate," confesses Mike Schiffer, a law school IT manager born in 1968, in the Facebook thread.

I remember grocery shopping with my mother in the early 1970s, as the price of ground beef kept rising: from 89 cents a pound to 99 cents to \$1.09 and even \$1.19. In April 1973, we joined a weeklong meat boycott. (Like many participants, my mother cheated, relying for a few meals on meat purchased the previous week.)

The boycott was a half-baked combination of economic theory, activist theater and housewife cri de coeur. "Devalue Pot Roast Not Dollars!" read a protest poster shown on the New York Times front page. In response, President Richard Nixon imposed tighter price controls on meat. Betty Crocker's meat-stretching Hamburger Helper, which went national in 1971, was a longer-lived remedy.

While I was a middle-schooler, Bill Meagher was a 10-year-old Philadelphia consumer with a gripe about a local delicacy. The price of his favorite TastyKake snack kept going up. He wrote a letter complaining to the president of the company. Much to his astonishment, Meagher recalled, he got a reply "explaining inflation to me in very simple terms."

In Turlock, California, 5-year-old Mary Hodder discovered that her weekly allowance of five cents would no longer buy a candy bar. They were now 10 cents. "My 5y old brain was like WHOT how could this happen?" she wrote me in a text message. "And my dad explained inflation. And my 5 year old brain thought: why doesn't everyone just stop it?" Hers was essentially President Gerald Ford's Whip Inflation Now



Dan Aykroyd portrays President Jimmy Carter on "Saturday Night Live" while the country was fighting inflation. ALAN SINGER/NBC 1978

strategy, minus the infamous buttons.

Our parents were powerless, and we could feel their stress. Even cost-of-living raises didn't solve the problem, because prices went up as labor costs did. Everybody, from employers and workers to lenders and borrowers, learned to build an inflation estimate into their plans. And those expectations made inflation more and more intractable — raise your prices, strike for higher wages, lest you fall behind.

Making matters worse was "bracket creep." With a steeply progressive income tax, a cost-of-living raise meant a higher tax bracket, which meant falling further behind inflation. In response, unions bargained for more generous health insurance and pension benefits that wouldn't face the tax hit — arrangements that were emulated for many non-union jobs and that redound in legacy costs to this day.

Even worse, average Americans weren't alone in their helplessness.

"It's really scary," a senior Carter administration official told Time in 1980, when inflation hit 13.5% after four years of increases. "This inflation thing is frightening because we do not know what causes it, or what to do about it."

By then, inflation permeated popular

culture. In the opening credits of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," Mary tossed a package of meat into her shopping cart with a look of disgust. In a fantasy sequence on "The Jeffersons," "King George" faced losing his (dry-cleaning) empire to the Dark Knight Inflation. He was saved by a bank loan — probably at double-digit interest.

On "Saturday Night Live," Dan Aykroyd's President Jimmy Carter gave a 1978 fire-side chat urging Americans to fight inflation by burning 8% of their money. As Carter, Aykroyd counseled everyone to look on the bright side.

"Inflation is our friend," he said. "Wouldn't you like to own a \$4,000 suit, and smoke a \$75 cigar, drive a \$600,000 car? I know I would!" Grin. In the "inflated world of the future," he promised, "most Americans will be millionaires."

Fortunately, we aren't living in that inflated world. The Federal Reserve under Paul Volcker managed to squelch inflation, at the cost of double-digit interest rates and the highest unemployment since the Great Depression. Asked decades later to name the most important legacy of the Great Inflation, he replied: "Don't let inflation get ingrained. Once that happens, there's too

much agony in stopping the momentum."

It took nearly a decade of low inflation rates to convince the public that inflation wouldn't roar back. Long-term interest rates continued to build in a significant inflation premium. At my first job out of college, in the Wall Street Journal's Philadelphia bureau, I got a 9% cost-of-living raise. It was 1983, when inflation had dropped to 3.1%, but the union contract from the bad old days was still in effect. Just a few years earlier, 9% would have put us behind, especially after taxes.

The most important provision of the 1981 tax cuts was indexing tax brackets to inflation. Tax rates come and go, but indexing endures, preventing bracket creep even if inflation returns.

"That older people are worried about things that younger people are not, because they have lived through them, is of course every generation's story," writes Los Angeles Times critic Robert Lloyd in a review of the new HBO series "Station Eleven."

You may think us oldsters overly anxious as we worry about a resurgence of inflation. But you weren't there.

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The boat in Pilobolus' "Bloom," an "art safari" through Sunny Meadow Farm in Bridgewater. **PILOBOLUS**

Magical moments

Innovation and isolation marked second year of coronavirus in Connecticut theater

By Christopher Arnott | Hartford Courant

A lot of local theaters laid low for much of the year in 2021 as the pandemic created uncertainty, limited capacity and brought stringent rules for casts and crew. The first few months of the year, shows existed largely online. When audiences gathered indoors again, many of the shows were tentative, small-cast, low-rent, testing the waters, not their best work.

In this skittish milieu, TheaterWorks Hartford towered above the rest with sheer tenacity. The company's creativity and adaptability meant not just great shows but more great shows. When bringing audiences to the workshop of an immersive new musical proved unworkable, TheaterWorks held the workshop anyway, privately for themselves (so that a full production can happen in '22 or '23), and gave viewers the virtual Halloween horror show "Someone Else's House." The first show back in the company's 233 Pearl Street space was the reliable, still

uproarious "Christmas on the Rocks."

Walking in 'Walden'

"Walden" was the high point of the Connecticut theater year, the apotheosis, a show that lived and breathed and achieved all its artistic goals while also conforming to what was allowable in the world at the time. In a time of distancing, this was a play about distance: an astronaut coming to terms with the earth, estranged sisters trying to bond. The distance was palpable and literal. You walked down a wind-



The all-encompassing environment of "Walden," staged by TheaterWorks Hartford on Riverfront Recapture land in Windsor. **CHRIS CAPOZZIELLO**

ing path to sit in a field. The play's set was a fully realized four-walled little house. You listened to the actors through headphones as they acted naturally — which included long walks, and the occasional sprint across the lawns. From the review: "The

ecological arguments aren't just window dressing. There's no backstage for the characters to hide. Nature enhances naturalism. Everything is at the forefront. Everything counts."

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Connecticut museums and galleries offering exhibits

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

Hartford County

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: "By Her Hand: Artemisia Gentiles-

chi and Women Artists in Italy, 1500–1800" runs through Jan. 9. "Discovering Rose Fried's Nephew by Alice Neel" runs through Jan. 23. "Christina Forrer / MATRIX 187" runs to Jan. 2. Leonardo Drew's sculpture is in the Main Street lobby until Jan. 2. "Stories in Ivory and Wood, told by Master Carvers" and "Jennifer Bartlett: The Island and Pink Fence" are up until Jan. 23. thewadsworth.org.

New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: "Strict Beauty: Sol LeWitt Prints" is up to Jan. 9. "Steel, String, Spit Bite: Selections from the LeWitt Collec-

tion" is up until March 18. "Walter Wick: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Happily Ever After" is up until April 1. "American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA" is up until Oct. 1. "Permanent Collection Installation: People and Places in America, 1960s to Today" is up until May 1. "Eva LeWitt" is up until Nov. 11. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: "A Dream Walking Anne Wu" is up until Feb. 6. "Naufragium: Kenny Martin" is up until Feb. 13. realartways.org.

Mark Twain House & Museum,

351 Farmington Ave. in Hartford: The historical home museum is open for small tours, by reservation only. marktwainhouse.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Atheneum is Alexander Calder's massive red "Stegosaurus." In front of the Atheneum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale and sculptures by Conrad

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COURANT ARTS PICKS FOR JAN. 2-8

Baby Grand Jazz kickoff, tribute bands at Infinity

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The first full week of the new year brings all the variety and creativity we've come to expect from the arts in Connecticut. From "Second Saturdays" at two different art galleries to a marathon of "Twilight Zone" episodes to diverse concerts and comedy shows, the new year's getting off to a good start. At the same time, a lot of events are being modified, postponed or canceled due to increased COVID concerns, so check with venues — and don a mask — before heading out.

A grand start

The Baby Grand Jazz series at Hartford Public Library kicks off with S.O.A.R. The band name stands for "Sounds of A&R," which in turn stands for singer April May Webb and trumpeter April May Webb and trumpeter Randall Haywood, plus Addison Frei on piano, Jacob Webb on bass and Nathan Webb on drums. Jan. 2 at 3 p.m. The show can be seen either in-person (at the downtown library, 500 Main St., Hartford; registration required) or livestreamed (on the Hartford Public Library Facebook page or YouTube channel). hplct.org.

'The middle ground between light and shadow'

The Sacred Heart University Community Theatre, 1420 Post Road, Fairfield, is appreciating the beginning of 2022 for the weird, disorienting, what-can-possibly-happen-next experience it already is, with a marathon of classic Rod Serling "Twilight Zone" episodes. The first half of the 16-hour frenzy was on New Year's Day and it concludes Jan. 2, starting at 11 a.m. \$7.50, \$5 children and seniors. shucommunitytheatre.org.

Light entertainment

Jan. 2 is the final day of the "Magic of Lights" display — or, to be exact, "The Magic of Lights Holiday Drive-Through Experience" — at the Pratt and Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field, 615 Silver Lane, East Hartford. \$22 per car, \$60 per limo or party bus. magicoflights.com/events/east-hartford.

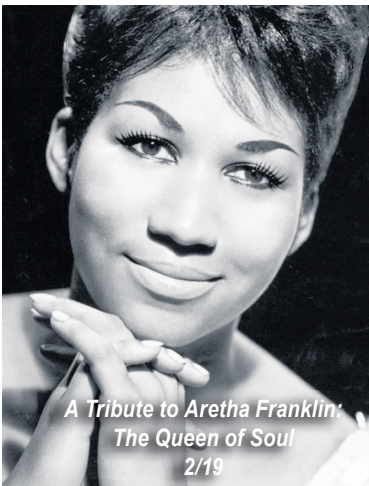
Tributepalooza

The two Infinity Hall venues have always attracted the best tribute bands. This week they welcome three: Satisfaction (doing the Rolling Stones) Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. for \$32-\$44 at the Norfolk Infinity, 20 Greenwoods

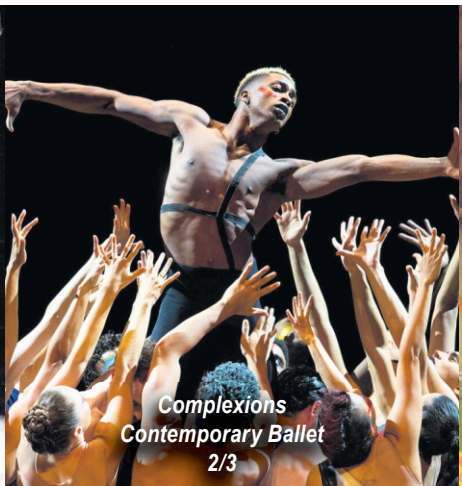
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S.O.A.R. opens the Baby Grand Jazz series at Hartford Public Library Jan. 2. **HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**



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Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Athenaeum is Carl Andre's "Stone Field Sculpture." Also across the street from the Athenaeum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: "Albert's Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s" is up until April 16. "Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health" will be up until Oct. 15. Permanent exhibits are "Making Connecticut" and "Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut." chs.org.

WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: "Perspectives of Home" will be on show to Feb. 22. workspace-manchester.com.

Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Ave. in Hartford: "All That Remains: Life / Study / Photographs by Richard Hollant" is up to Jan. 13. (The gallery will be closed for the holidays, from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2.) charteroakcenter.org.

Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main St. in New Britain: "Foundation Paintings" by Paul Baylock, Nancy Brockett, Stanwyck Cromwell, Clinton Deckert, Katie Jurkiewicz, Tatyana Nadgor, Alex Ranniello, David Segerra and Margaret Wilson, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the city, will be on exhibit until March. happeninghere.org/fpp.

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.: "The Adornment Series: Images of Empowerment," a show of work by Michelle Thomas, is up from Jan. 7 to Feb. 19. hplct.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: "Facing History: Social Commentary in Contemporary American Art" is up until March 11. benton.uconn.edu.

Middlesex County

Andrews Memorial Town Hall, 54 E. Main St. in Clinton: Clinton Art Society Award Winners Exhibition will run until Jan. 27. Works by Mike Eagle, Mary C. Daly, Beverly A. Schirmeier and Maureen Wilkinson. clintonartsociety.info.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: "Peace on Earth" runs to Jan. 9. spectrumartgallery.org.

New London County

Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Road: "A Spectacle in Motion: The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World'" will be up until March 27. mysticseaport.org/explore/exhibits.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds,



Iké Udé's photograph "Sartorial Anarchy 31" is on view in the exhibit "People and Places in America, 1960s to Today" at New Britain Museum of American Art. COURTESY NEW BRITAIN MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART



"Visions & Memories," paintings, drawings and collages by Donna O'Scolaigh Lange, is at Fletcher Library in Hampton. DONNA O'SCOLAIGH LANGE

part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "America: Over the Edge," can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: "The Way Sisters: Miniaturists of the Early Republic" will be up to Jan. 23. "Ken Friedman: 92 Events," a show of work by the Fluxus artist, is on view through Jan. 16. lymanallyn.org.

LaGrua Center, 32 Water St. in Stonington: "Coming Out," a show of work by LGBT artists, runs from Jan. 7 to Feb. 28. lagruacenter.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives" is up until Jan. 24. flogris.org.

Windham County

The Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Instructional Center, Room 112, at Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham St. in Willimantic: "The Artist as Witness," work by Elise Engler, Michael Caron, Ryan Carpenter, Nancy Chunn, Sue Coe, Lee Jupina Sr., Käthe Kollwitz, Michael Reddick and Rowan Renee, is up until Feb. 1. easternct.edu/art-gallery.

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: "Visions & Memories," paintings, drawings and collages by Donna O'Scolaigh Lange, is up until Feb. 28. fletcher-memorallibrary.org.

Litchfield County

The Sophie Gallery, 15 Water St. in Torrington: "Wrench & Obi," an exhibit of work by Scott Ritter, is up until Jan. 31. thesophiegallery.com.

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: "Jackie Saccoccio: The Gravity of Space" and "Kikuo Saito: Dancing Across the Surface" are up until Jan. 16. jamesbarronart.com.

Craven Contemporary, 4 Fulling Lane in Kent: "In Conversation with David Shrigley," an exhibit of work by Shrigley, Daniel Arsham, Susumu Kamijo, Deborah Kass, Alex Katz, Ryan McGinley, Alessandro Raho, Mickalene Thomas and William Wegman, is up until Feb. 13. artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: "David Konigsberg: Equilibria" will be up to Jan. 23. kbfa.com.

Five Points Gallery, 33 Main St. in Torrington: "Wonderfully Tactile," work by Becca Barolli, Adam Bernard, Ann Finholt, Mary Janacek, Stephen Maine, John Ralston V, Debra Weisberg and Margaret Wilson, is up from Jan. 7 to Feb. 12. fivepointsarts.org.

Furnace Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St. in Falls Village: "Winter," an exhibit of work by Jimbo Blachly, Bettina Blohm, Yvonne Estrada, Johnathan Fabricant, Greg Goldberg, Carter Hodgkin, Vincent Inconiglios, Erick Johnson, Amanda Konishi, Kathleen Kucka, Stephen Maine, Susan Martin, Georgia McGovern, Holly Miller, Nicholas Moenich, Marilla Palmer, Jean Parks, Gelah Penn and Sally Van Doren, is up until March 20, weekends only. furnace-artonpaperarchive.com.

New Haven County

Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven: "On the Basis of Art: 150 Years of Women at Yale" is up to Jan. 9. The permanent collection also is on display. artgallery.yale.edu.

Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven: Permanent collec-



"The Adornment Series: Images of Empowerment," a show of work by Michelle Thomas, is at ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library. COURTESY HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



"reflections, by Liz Antle-O'Donnell, Ana Henriques and Mark St. Mary" is at Kehler Liddell Gallery in New Haven. LIZ ANTLE-O'DONNELL

tion exhibits "The Hilton Als Series: Njideka Akunyili Crosby" is up until Jan. 22. "Furniture at the Yale Center for British Art: A Selection" is up through March 27. british-hart.yale.edu.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

Gallery at the Institute Library, 847 Chapel St. in New Haven: John T. Hill: Persistent Observer," an exhibit selected from 65 years of photographs, is up to Jan. 15. institutelibrary.org

Creative Arts Workshop, 80 Audubon St. in New Haven: "First Wave," a pandemic-inspired exhibit, is up until Jan. 7. creativearts-workshop.org.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: "Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era," "Children of the Elm City" and "Factory" are up until the end of winter. newhavenmuseum.org.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: "Confluence: Meg Bloom, Phyllis Crowley, Roberta Friedman, and Kathy Kane" is up from Jan. 7 to 30. city-gallery.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 63 Prospect St. in Waterbury: "Norman Rockwell: Behind the Camera" is up until Jan. 16. "An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury" is up until Jan. 16. "Janet Maya: Women/Strength/Beauty" and "Focus on the Makers: Samplers, Needlework, and Quilts" are up to Feb. 28. mattmuseum.org.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: The annual holiday show is up to Jan. 12. susanpowellfineart.com.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: "reflections, by Liz Antle-O'Donnell, Ana Henriques and Mark St. Mary" is up from Jan. 6 to Feb. 6. kehlerrliddell-gallery.com.

Fairfield County

MoCA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: "When Caged Birds Sing," an exhibit by Ann Weiner of eight life-size sculptures representing women's rights activists, is up until February. mocawestport.org.

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: "Karla Knight: Navigator" is up until May 8. aldrichart.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: "Fisher Dollhouse: A Venetian Palazzo in Miniature" and "RESOLUTE: Native Nations art in the Bruce Collection" are up to Jan. 31. brucemuseum.org.

Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Mathews Park, 299 West Ave. in Norwalk: "A Show of Hands: Diane Cherr" and "Laissez le Bon Temps Rouler" are up until Feb. 20. contemprints.org.

Alvarez Gallery, 11 Brookside Road in Redding: Mise en Veu: Joe Boginski" opens Dec. 4. alvarezgallery.com.

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Road, Norfolk; Dirty Deeds (doing AC/DC) Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. for \$28-\$38 at the Hartford Infinity, 32 Front St., Hartford; and, also on Jan. 8 at 8 p.m., Soulshine (doing the Allman Brothers) for \$35-\$45 in Norfolk. Not only that, but at Jan. 7 at 8 p.m. in Hartford, there's Boat House Row, which covers a wide swath of the genre affectionately known as Yacht Rock (i.e. Steely Dan, Toto, Michael McDonald and Kenny Loggins). infinityhall.com.

'Frozen' on ice

There hasn't been a Disney on Ice show at the XL Center in quite some time, so it's appropriate that this one is called "Mickey's Search Party":

the delightful mouse has been looking for us too! Among the cartoon icons donning figure skates for this lavish revue: characters from "Moana," "Aladdin," "Coco," "Toy Story," "Beauty and the Beast," "The Little Mermaid" and, naturally, "Frozen," plus Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Donald and Goofy. Jan. 6-9 at the XL Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Hartford. There are seven performances: Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 11 a.m. and 3 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at noon and 4 p.m. \$19-\$119. xlcenter.com.

The first Second Saturday

The Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art, which has been open throughout the winter school break, has its regular

free "Second Saturdays" family event on Jan. 8 at 2 p.m.: "Emphasize It" is a fun lesson in "how artists use the elements of art to catch your attention," with Bonnie Rose Sullivan, who will teach you how to "design a superhero cape with an eye-catching focal point." The museum is also giving away free copies of "The Big Squeeze: Hugs & Inspirations for Every Grown-Up Who Loves Teddy Bears" by Susan Mangiero. Admission is always free for Hartford residents but on "Second Saturdays" it's free for everybody. thewadsworth.org.

Home is where the art is

"Perspectives of Home: An Exhibit about Home, Belonging and a Sense

of Place" is both an art show and a social statement. Over 40 artists collectively contributed over 100 home-themed artworks that drive home the idea that "where we live impacts who we are." The art is bolstered by history and statistics regarding immigration and housing in the city where the exhibit is happening, Manchester. On Jan. 8 there's a special event: At 10 a.m. Dr. Fiona Vernal of the UConn program EPOCH (Engaged, Public, Oral and Community Histories) will lead tours and share her own knowledge of housing in Manchester. WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St., Manchester. workspace-manchester.com.

Twice as funny

The comedy night on Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. at Play-

house on Park, 244 Park Road, West Hartford, has two co-headliners, Brian Scott McFadden and Bob DiBuono. playhouseon-park.org.

Underdog victorious

Singer/songwriter Jill Sobule, last heard hereabouts when she sang a song at the Mark Twain House's online gala in November, has been visiting Connecticut since the mid-1990s, when her songs "I Kissed the Girl" and "Supermodel" were playing on all the college radio stations. Sobule's at The Space Ballroom, 295 Treadwell St., Hamden. Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. The folk pop duo Goodnight Moonshine opens. \$20-\$50. spaceballroom.com.

A Paddington holiday

Streaming theater was beginning to seem soooo 2021, but the omicron COVID strain might bring a new surge to stay-at-home theater-style programming. The Shubert in New Haven has a "special virtual offering" that's been up since early December and ends its run Jan. 4: "Paddington Saves Christmas," a professionally filmed version of a puppet show about the popular overcoated bear, created by children's puppet theater specialist Jonathan Rockefeller. It's a holiday scenario about preparing a house for Santa's visit. \$16 for a stream on-demand through Jan. 4. shubert.com.

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Mackenzie Davis catches fire

Pandemic put halt to her career momentum, but actor now taking next step with lead role in series

By Coralie Kraft
The New York Times

Actor Mackenzie Davis, 34, is perhaps best known for her roles in the techno-dystopian Netflix series “Black Mirror” and as a mechanically enhanced super soldier in the 2019 “Terminator” movie, “Dark Fate.” But fans and critics have known her longer, owing particularly to her role as the programming virtuoso Cameron Howe on AMC’s “Halt and Catch Fire.”

Now she is starring as Kirsten Raymonde in “Station Eleven,” a 10-part limited series from HBO Max that has been adapted from the 2014 science fiction novel by Emily St. John Mandel. Given the book’s runaway success — it won the Arthur C. Clarke award and has sold more than 1.5 million copies — the adaptation seems likely to draw Davis further into the spotlight. So does the timing: The story revolves around a deadly pandemic and its aftermath.

But despite its sci-fi premise, “Station Eleven” isn’t styled as fantasy; it concerns itself more with investigating tragedy, personal trials and the marks they leave behind — an uncanny future artifact of our very real pandemic age.

For Davis, playing Kirsten was an opportunity to demonstrate her emotional range. It was also a chance for her to grapple with her own intense feelings of loss and isolation.

“It’s been an unsettling few years,” Davis said, with a flat laugh.

Davis grew up in Vancouver, British Columbia, went to college in Montreal and then moved to New York for two years to study at the Neighborhood Playhouse, an acting conservatory in Manhattan. After she scored her first major role in an indie film, Drake Doremus’ “Breathe In” (2014), she traveled out west to Los Angeles in search of an agent and eventually settled there. She landed her breakout role in “Halt and Catch Fire” a few months later.

“Halt,” lasting four seasons (2014-17), was a steady part of Davis’ life for five years. Although the series never drew a big audience, it quietly gained



Actor Mackenzie Davis, seen Oct. 20 in New York, stars in the series “Station Eleven.” CELESTE SLOMAN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

a devoted following, aided in recent years by Netflix. Critics consistently praised it, placing the series on many major “Best of” lists.

Christopher Cantwell, a creator and showrunner of “Halt,” said in an email that Davis “can play intentions and emotions simultaneously that are usually diametrically opposed to each other. She can play incredible anxiety and overconfidence all at once.”

Davis’ career was gaining speed: Just after the third season of “Halt,” in 2016, she appeared in the “Black Mirror” episode “San Junipero” alongside Gugu Mbatha-Raw, an installment that won two

Emmys. After “Halt,” Davis appeared in Denis Villeneuve’s “Blade Runner 2049” and then in Jason Reitman’s “Tully” (2018) alongside Charlize Theron. She still seemed lightly stunned when she recalled that period.

“Doing those two films back to back felt like —” she paused and shook her head slowly from side to side. “It felt like: This is the work I want to be doing. I was working at a level that I had only fantasized about.”

Her lead role in “Station” seemed like a natural next step, but 2020 put a halt to the momentum. Like most people, Davis faced her share of challenges.

Her long-term relationship ended shortly before lockdown; production froze on “Station.” She entered quarantine alone — a “storm of isolation and loneliness,” as she described it. Eventually, she moved to London, in need of a fresh start.

Then in January, she went to work on “Station Eleven,” where each day demanded a thinly veiled reenactment of tragedies of the previous year.

Davis’ character required her to navigate a multitude of identities: Kirsten is a member of the Traveling Symphony, an itinerant group of musicians and actors traversing the post-pandemic landscape.

Equally comfortable on stage (she’s the troupe’s Hamlet) or wielding a knife, Kirsten is at once a fiercely protective mother figure and a damaged young woman. She was 8 years old (played in an earlier timeline by Matilda Lawler) when the deadly flu hit, and “Station Eleven” spends much of its time digging into her memories, tying her actions in the present to the horrors of those early days. Davis’ eyes, limpid and expressive, flash from wariness to sorrow, then back.

When Patrick Somerville, the series’ showrunner, and Hiro Murai, who directed its first and third

episodes, first approached Davis about playing Kirsten, she wasn’t sold. She had just wrapped her role in “Terminator,” and Kirsten seemed too similar.

But after talking with Somerville and Murai, she was persuaded. Kirsten seemed powerful in a different way.

“Violence is a part of her world,” Davis explained, “but it’s not the banner of her reality.”

Instead, her strength lies in her emotional depth: She loves profoundly, and she has an intuitive sense for people’s feelings and intentions. The qualities that make Kirsten a good Shakespearean actor also help her survive a post-pandemic landscape.

In one of Davis’ strongest scenes, Hamlet, as played by Kirsten, grieves his father’s death, standing on a makeshift stage surrounded by flickering candles. Staring into the darkness, Kirsten’s mind shifts to her childhood, when she learned that her parents were dead. Davis’ face holds both moments in her character’s life at once, past and present.

“There’s an impossible ocean of subtext” in those scenes, Somerville said. “After the fact, I was constantly realizing that Mackenzie had played three looks in a row, invisibly. She was meticulously making bridges between moments, already doing the thing I hoped to build with the show’s nonlinear flashbacks.”

When asked about her acting in those layered moments Somerville described, Davis leaned forward.

“Like anybody else, I had a number of hugely upsetting events happen in the last two years,” Davis said. “There was all of this ambiguous trauma that didn’t really have a home because everybody was feeling everything — and where do you put trauma that is persistent and doesn’t begin or end but is just part of, like, a great, general sense of loss?”

A little out of breath, she gave a crooked half-smile, as if amused by her own fervor, and sat back in her chair.

“Then, suddenly,” she said, “I was telling a story within a house that could hold all of those feelings.”

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Supporting characters takes center stage

Beautifully cast with fresh young folk, impeccably attired and cavorting around a colorful set, “Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley” at Playhouse on Park didn’t just enliven Jane Austen — plenty of plays do that. Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon have changed the dynamic of Austen’s well-known “Pride and Prejudice” characters so that Elizabeth and Jane flit around in the background while the Bennet sisters usually shortchanged by sexist tropes and annoying quirks have life fully breathed into them and take center stage.

From the review: “In paying special attention to Mary, the Bennet sister commonly described as “plain” or “bookish,” and to whom the novel ascribes “a pedantic air and concealed manner,” “Christmas at Pemberley” is able to flip some hoary stereotypes that Austen herself put in place. Of course, the play is still feeding into heteronormative class-based marriage fantasies in adherence to a patriarchal hegemony, but you can’t have everything.”

Music hath charms

Musicals where the actors play musical instruments themselves seems like a trend that ended years

ago, with “Once” and John Doyle’s Sondheim revivals. The first national tour of “The Band’s Visit” brought the multi-threat magic back big time.

From the review: “The Band’s Visit” isn’t just a show for a special kind of musical theater audience that appreciates nuance and sarcasm and leisurely pacing. It’s a darned difficult show to perform. Most of the uniformed ceremonial band members onstage are carrying instruments that they play live (and very well) between scenes, during scenes and in a much-welcomed mini-concert after the curtain call. It’s also an acting challenge, performing as if one’s character is not speaking in their native language.

A reinvigorated ‘Rent’

The tour had been on the road for five years, and had looked fairly tired the last time it visited. But “Rent” is a show for the lean, hungry and energetic, the kind of performer that’s bursting to perform again after a long imposed hiatus. With top people from all stages of the anniversary tour’s half-decade history returning to the fold, this was that rare instance of a long-running show going out on top.

From the preview: “In a 2018 interview with the Courant, the tour’s producer Stephen Gabriel of Work Light Productions said it was likely to end in 2020. It had begun in 2016 as a 20th anniversary tour, then lasted long enough to be renamed the 25th anniversary tour. Post-COVID-19, it was again reti-

tled, and is now the “Final Season of Love 25th Anniversary Farewell Tour.”

‘Ah, Wilderness!’ docks at Hartford Stage

Eugene O’Neill’s only comedy brought the wonder of diverse theatrical ensemble back to Hartford Stage, but the most resonant image may have been the outdoorsy setting for the show’s first indoor show in a year and a half. Jim Noone’s scenic design evoked the play’s New London setting not with an imposing house but with wooden wharf structures. When a boat actually appeared for a love scene in the final act, it was an imaginative moonlit marvelous moment.

From the review: “This portrait of a loving, trusting family helping guide an outspoken teen through some thorny coming-of-age adventures isn’t some escapist fantasy that takes us away from life during COVID, and it isn’t a timely provocation based on current events. “Ah, Wilderness!” is just a good old play worth seeing.”

A dance in a pond

Pilobolus’ second annual “safari” show — a pandemic innovation where audiences drive their cars through a landscape of lively dance and arresting visuals — started with a song and dance that had to be seen to be believed.

From the review: “Two dancers (Casey Howes and Jacob Michael Warren) are in a small boat in the pond, silently acting out a quaint

love story. They stand up. They gyrate. One of them balances on the other one. In a small boat in a pond. Try it sometime. It can’t be done. Except by Pilobolus.”

A good scare

The solo show “Someone Else’s House,” hosted online by TheaterWorks in October, earned its horror cred by having its creator Jared Mezzocchi livestreaming his lived-in tale of growing up around a haunted house fresh each night, involving the audience by having them share his grisly research. It felt so natural that when it became theatrical, the intensity of this spooky house flooded you.

From the review: “Its final moments are jarring and hard to shake. If you go straight to bed after this casually intense hour of interactive virtual spooky theater, expect “Someone Else’s House” to invade your dreams.”

A siren blares

Timely and topical, Playhouse on Park staged James Ijames’ dead-young-Black-men-in-supernatural-limbo “Kill Move Paradise” in Bushnell Park, to the ambient soundtrack of city ambulances and police cars.

From the review: “There were also stark differences from, say, a Shakespeare in the Park-style show. The vendors included a bookseller displaying tomes on civil rights, activism and Black history. Plus there was a “Healing Space” for those unsettled by Ijames’ uncompromising, disturbing and provocative play.”

COVID, not COVID

Lloyd Suh’s lyrical biodrama “The Chinese Lady” at Long Wharf Theatre conjured a host of images it wouldn’t have if it had been staged a year and a half earlier as originally planned. Time changes everything.

From the review: If this play had premiered in the spring of 2020 as planned, we would have seen it as a show about immigration, oppressions, misunderstanding of other cultures and exploitation, with a touch of female empowerment as its star keeps her dignity and tries to control her situation. A year and a half later, “The Chinese Lady” is also about isolation, resignation, adaptability, disease, endurance. It may well be a better show for us having had to wait so long to see it.”

Lasting memories

That’s nine shows, and lists like this often have 10. Even in such an abbreviated theater year, there are so many other memorable moments: The inspired isolated interplay of a deconstructed “Private Lives” at Playhouse on Park, including an impromptu jazz dance. The verve of improv regenerated at Sea Tev Comedy Theater. Christiane Noll’s wry smile in her virtual concert act co-hosted by the Good-speed and Theaterworks. “A Grand Night for Singing,” deftly turning the Good-speed Opera House into an intimate cabaret-style stage. Here’s hoping there’ll be many more shows to see in 2022, but 2021 wasn’t lacking for lasting memories.

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People at the Baghdad International Book Fair in Iraq on Dec. 13. Iraq is home to literary traditions ancient and modern. LAURA BOUSHNAK/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

Reveling in joy of reading

At Baghdad book fair, legions find a place far removed from politics

By Jane Arraf
The New York Times

BAGHDAD — Protesters in Baghdad hold a sit-in demanding that U.S. troops leave Iraq. Counterterrorism troops patrol streets. A federal court ponders whether to certify results of parliamentary elections two months ago.

But at the Baghdad International Fair grounds, almost no one cares about all that.

Inside is the Baghdad International Book Fair. It's not even the bigger book fair of the same name that the Iraqi government has sponsored for decades. But it's a book fair nonetheless.

There, patrons savor the chance to browse aisles of paperbacks and hardcovers stacked on tables in pavilions from different countries. To pose for selfies in front of the fake volumes glued together and arranged to spell the word "book." To revel in what to many Iraqis is the true, enduring character of Baghdad, far removed from political turmoil and security concerns.

"There is a big gap between the people in the street and the political elite," said Maysoon al-Demluji, a former deputy minister of culture who was visiting the fair. "People in the street are not that interested in what happens in politics."

Inside, the pavilions have offerings from printing houses across the Arab world and beyond. An Iranian publisher features

luxurious coffee table books of the country's cultural wonders.

At the stall of a Kuwaiti publishing house, Zainab al-Joori, a psychiatrist, paid for books about ancient Mesopotamia and a novel by Robert Louis Stevenson translated into Arabic. Most of the books at the stall were paperbacks.

"Reading is my therapy," said Joori, 30, who works at a psychiatric hospital.

Paperbacks are a distant second to the feel and the scent of the old books that Joori loves best. But still, she looks forward to the book fair for months.

"Just visiting this place is satisfying even if I don't buy any books," she said.

Iraqis love books. "Cairo writes, Beirut publishes and Baghdad reads," goes an old saying.

In the 1990s, my first reporting assignments to Baghdad were to a closed country. It was Saddam Hussein's Iraq — difficult to get into and, once you were there, dangerous to explore beneath the surface.

The United States had just driven Saddam's forces from Kuwait and the United Nations had imposed sweeping trade sanctions on Iraq. In a formerly rich country, the shock of sudden poverty gave the city and its inhabitants a harder edge.

But in those rare glimpses behind the closed doors of people's homes, there were often books — in some houses, beautiful, built-in wooden shelves of them, all of them read and



Patrons browse aisles of paperbacks and hardcovers in pavilions from different countries.

almost every book treated by its owner as an old friend.

Iraqis are proud of their ancient legacy as heirs to the world's first known civilizations, along the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. The earliest known form of writing, cuneiform symbols inscribed in clay, emerged in southern Iraq more than 5,000 years ago.

In the ninth century in Baghdad — at the time the biggest city in the world — translators at the Bayt al Hikma, or House of Knowledge, a huge library and intellectual center, were tasked with translating all important works in existence into Arabic and furthering intellectual debate. Scholars from

across the Abbasid empire, stretching from Central Asia to North Africa, traveled to the institution, engaging in research and fostering scientific advancement.

Twelve centuries later, on al-Mutanabi Street, the love of books and ideas lives on in the Friday market where sellers lay out used books for sale on the sidewalk in a tradition that is the beating heart of Baghdad's traditional cultural life.

At the Baghdad book fair, two booksellers sat under fairy lights draped from the ceiling, near a huge inflatable plastic snow globe with Santa Claus inside.

Hisham Nazar, 24, has a degree in finance and bank-

ing but works, by choice, at publishing house Cemetery of Books. Prominent on the shelves of the publisher's offerings at the fair is "American Nietzsche," about the German philosopher's impact on the United States.

In the worst of times in Iraq, books have proved a comfort.

When the Islamic State militant group took over parts of Iraq in 2014 and declared the city of Mosul the capital of its caliphate, life as Iraqis knew it in the country's second-biggest city essentially stopped. Almost all books were banned, along with music. Women were essentially confined to their homes. In the almost three years

that the Islamic State occupied the city, many people stayed home and secretly read.

In the first reading festival after Mosul's liberation from the Islamic State, thousands of residents came to the event in a park once used to train child fighters. Families with children, older people, young people — all hungry to be able to read openly again.

Nazar, the bookseller at the Baghdad fair, said that while many people now read digital books, he and many others prefer to hold books in their hands.

"When you open a paper book, it is like entering into the writer's journey," he said. "A paper book has the soul of the writer."

Conde Nast releases its '22 places to go in 2022'

By Jackie Burrell
Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Like many travel magazines, Conde Nast Traveler is looking ahead to travel trends and destinations for the coming year. But CN Traveler editors have taken a different tack, choosing destinations, digital director Stephanie Wu says, "based on some of our favorite reasons to travel, from exhilarating food and drink scenes and historic

sites to explore, to new places to soak in the great outdoors."

The resulting "22 places to go in 2022" list hopscoches around the world and includes some eclectic picks. The food category, for example, starts with a shoutout to Birmingham, Alabama, and five-time James Beard finalist Rob McDaniel, whose contemporary Southern grill serves up angel biscuits alongside barbecue meats. The entire

country of Serbia is on that list, along with Norway's Trondelag County.

There are destinations for arts and culture devotees, history buffs, outdoorsy types and even travelers who prize mode of transportation above all else, whether it's cruise ships or bullet trains.

Here are the North American options from the list:

- Birmingham, Alabama (food)
- Alberta, Canada (arts,

- culture)
- Charleston, South Carolina (arts, culture)
- Querétaro, Mexico (history)
- Great Lakes, U.S. (transportation)
- Honduras (outdoors)
- Panama (outdoors)
- West Virginia (outdoors)

The Corps of Cadets from The Citadel march onto the parade deck in 2007 in Charleston, South Carolina. STEPHEN MORTON/GETTY



In search of edelweiss in the Swiss Alps



Rick Steves

It's a glorious Swiss Alps morning. I'm spending my day walking with my schoolteacher friend, Olle, exploring the alpine landscape high above his home in Gimmelwald. We come to a bluff and pause to look down at his village. It's a pastoral setting — a zigzag in the narrow paved service road lined with traditional wood homes, many of them two centuries old. In this peaceful community, nearly everyone has one of two last names and the children don't play house ... they play barn. A mighty gondola connects it — like an iron-cable umbilical cord — with the valley floor a mile below and the summit of the towering Schilthorn mountain a mile above.

As we continue our walk, a pastel carpet of flowers trims the scene: golden clover, dandelions, bell-flowers, and daisies. "For me, it's like meeting old friends when the flowers come out again in the spring," Olle says. All but abandoning me for the flowers, he rummages through his rucksack and pulls out a weathered handbook describing the local flora. "My bible," he says. "When the cows eat this grass with all these flowers, it's a good mix for the milk."

"OK, Rick, you will now risk your life for a flower." He leaves the trail and creeps over an edge and out of sight to find an edelweiss. Loose rocks, huge drop, no helicopter in sight...I don't really care about finding edelweiss.

Then I hear Olle holler, "Yes, I found some! Come around."

Feeling fat and clumsy, I leave the trail. Pulling



A winding path in Switzerland's Berner Oberland region. DOMINIC ARIZONA BONUCCELLI

gingerly at weed hand-holds, I work my way around a huge rock and across a field of loose shale. Olle comes into view, looking younger than he did a moment ago. "There are three edelweiss here. But this is a secret for only you and me. This spot must not go in your guidebook." At this point I am not concerned about my guidebook, only my survival. Olle grabs my hand with hands that have grown strong and tough after 14 years of high-altitude village life.

As if to pump up the drama, he whispers, "For me, it would not be a hike without a little danger."

"That's why your school is so small," I whisper under my breath.

"Edelweiss. It means 'noble white.' In the valley, it's noble gray. Only at high elevations do they get this white. UV rays give all flowers brighter colors at this altitude." Creeping with me to the ledge, Olle gently bends three precious edelweiss toward the sun. Pinching off a petal, he assures me, "This will not affect reproduction."

Petting a petal gently, I note that it feels like felt.

"Yes, like felt," Olle agrees. "This protects the plants from dehydration. I collect and press flowers but have never pressed an edelweiss. Edelweiss has been picked nearly to extinction."

As we struggle back to the trail, Olle talks on.

"Here in Switzerland we are getting serious about our environment. Twenty years ago, our rivers and lakes were very polluted. Today you can nearly drink out of Lake Thun. Now we understand. You don't pee in your living room, do you?"

I assure him that I do not.

Finally reaching the safety of the trail, we walk more quickly, with ease. "Do farmers mind if we walk through their property?" I ask.

"This is a human right — to walk through the land," Olle says. His environmental passion crescendos with his voice. "When I was in Boston, I asked, 'How can I get to the lake?' They told me, 'You can't, it is private.'

That is for me perverse. This is unthinkable here in Switzerland. We are guests of this Earth." Like welcome guests, we make ourselves at home, stopping at a peak that stands dramatically high above Gimmelwald. Olle shares a snack as we sit quietly to savor our perch.

Switchbacking steeply back down, we pass through a thick forest and step out at the top end of Gimmelwald. We're cheered on by a fragrant finale: a field vibrant with flowers, grasshoppers, bees, crickets, moths, and butterflies.

Olle says, "This year farmers obeyed tradition and not their eyes. They waited too long and had to

take cows directly to the high Alps. They skipped this lower field. For these flowers, it is a fine year — no hungry cows."

Switzerland embraces its traditions with such gusto that locals like Olle fear visitors think it's an underdeveloped nation. It's certainly not. And the good news: The traditional alpine culture survives most heartily — like edelweiss — in its most remote corners.

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CELEB TRAVELER

Jackson: Ditch travel itinerary

By Jae-Ha Kim
Tribune Content Agency

"Before having a child, traveling for work was a lot of fun," said Tetona Jackson, who stars as a journalist in the TV film "The Housewives of the North Pole" streaming now on Peacock. "But now — having a baby — I feel like working locally is a lot easier for me, especially having my family here and having them help with her. But there is a part of traveling I do miss — hopping on a plane without thinking of COVID-19, the pandemic and testing — and going somewhere really cool for work." Fans may stay in touch with her on Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/itstetona-jackson>).

Q: You're one of the few actresses I can think of who are also figure skaters. Where are some of the places you have skated on tour?

A: Some of the really cool places I got to visit are Japan, Australia, Colombia, Panama and, of course, all around the United States and Canada, which was a lot of fun. In the U.S., some great places I got to skate at were Madison Square Garden and the Staples Center and both of those were really cool. Outdoor rinks are a lot of fun, but if it's for training, indoors.

Q: Did you travel at all for work during this pandemic?

A: I haven't really taken any trips other than going to Utah to film "The Housewives of the North Pole."



"The Housewives of the North Pole" actor Tetona Jackson traveled to Germany and France often when she was younger. FRED HAYES/PEACOCK

Q: What is your favorite vacation destination?

A: I haven't been in a really long time, but I used to go to Germany and France a lot when I was younger. I definitely miss going out there. I think the European culture is so different from here and there are a lot more historical buildings (that are just) visually stimulating. It's beautiful out there. With the holidays, those countries truly go all out. I am one of those weird people that loves snow. I think it's because I'm never in it here in L.A. and I miss the snow.

Q: What was the first trip you took as a child?

A: For as long as I can remember, I want to say, my first trip was to Germany, because my mom has family in Germany, and I think we went to visit them. Loved it!

Q: What's the most important thing you've learned from your travels?

A: Learning to take the time to relax and understand different cultures. Growing up in the U.S., our mindset is that everything revolves around work, whereas in Europe, people take the time to relax, take vacation and do things for fun. Especially now having

a baby, it's kind of opening my eyes to have more of those moments.

Q: Do you speak any foreign languages?

A: I do speak fluent Farsi. I don't necessarily want to say I pick up new languages easily, but I feel like when it comes to enunciation and accents, I am able to pick that up pretty fast.

Q: What kind of research do you do before you go away on a trip?

A: So, here is the thing. I am not one of those people that must have an itinerary and visit the must-sees when I travel. I like to obviously research different areas and the best places to stay and the best places to eat, but I kind of just go with the flow. I don't make an itinerary or anything like that.

Q: What is your best vacation memory?

A: My best memory is what happened after a vacation. Last year, I went on a weekend trip to chill during the pandemic, which became the most memorable trip (because) I found out I was pregnant when I got back.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Canceled Canadian rail tour should be refunded

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: I need your help getting a refund of \$6,339 for a Canadian rail tour from Rocky Mountaineer. Our package included airport, train and hotel transfers, with nights in Calgary, Banff and Vancouver.

The trip, which we booked in February 2020 and was scheduled for May 2020, was canceled by the tour operator because of COVID-19. Rocky Mountaineer offered a 110% nonrefundable credit to use against a new booking that can be applied to the 2021 season and would have had to have been used by the end of November.

I would have preferred a full refund rather than credit for a trip we may not ever take. Rocky Mountaineer has refused our direct request for a refund. I filed a chargeback through my credit card, but Visa sided with the tour operator. Is there anything you can do?
— Kay Nelson, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

A: Rocky Mountaineer should have offered you the choice of either a full refund or a credit. That's the standard for a COVID-19 cancellation. Many companies tried to keep their customer's money anyway, with predictable results.

The tour operator's cancellation policies on its site are one-sided when it comes to refunds. They tell you under what circumstances you can cancel and receive a partial refund, but they don't address a cancellation by Rocky Mountaineer.

You have to dig deep into the company's terms and conditions — and know a little French — to figure out your rights when it cancels a tour.

Section 12 says, "Other than as a result of force majeure, Rocky Mountaineer will repay the deposit or charges for the itinerary or, where appropriate, a reasonable pro-rata share

thereof." A force majeure is an unforeseen circumstance like a pandemic. In other words, if it's an event beyond the control of your tour operator, and if it has to cancel, it gets to keep your money — and, presumably, will offer a credit.

It's hard to argue with a contract you've already signed. But you could have reached out to someone higher up at the tour operator to plead your case. I publish the names, numbers and email addresses of the customer service contacts at Rocky Mountaineer on my consumer advocacy site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/rocky-mountaineer/.

But I'm not sure that would have worked. Technically, you agreed to this contract, even though it may have conflicted with some state laws. And that's why I recommended that you reach out to your

attorney general to find out if the agreement with Rocky Mountaineer might have run afoul of any North Carolina consumer protections.

You filed a complaint with your attorney general. In response, you heard from a lawyer representing Rocky Mountaineer. The representative offered you a \$1,900 refund for the portion of your trip that included some of your hotel stays. That's less than you wanted, but you accepted the refund and will use the rest of the credit for a rail tour next summer.

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CELEBRITIES

Wen adds new chapter to Disney run

By Joshua Axelrod
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

No matter how many “Star Wars” shows Ming-Na Wen stars in, her mother will never quite grasp what all the fuss is about.

“She was a very practical woman who has gone through so many struggles in her life and ran a restaurant and raised kids,” Wen said. “She’s an incredible woman, but she doesn’t understand ‘Star Wars.’”

Wen, 58, is one of the co-leads of “The Book of Boba Fett,” a new Disney+ series now streaming. She stars as mercenary Fennec Shand, a character she has now played across three separate Disney+ “Star Wars” series, alongside Temuera Morrison’s titular bounty hunter.

Many may find that to be a pretty cool accomplishment, but when Wen showed her mother a trailer for “The Book of Boba Fett,” her response was: “Huh, you like this. Why?”

It’s pretty clear why Wen would be excited about continuing her long and prosperous journey with Disney, which has included voicing the title character in 1998’s “Mulan,” playing Agent Melinda May on ABC’s Marvel series “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” and continuing to portray Fennec on shows created by Dave Filoni.

For her and the rest of the “Book of Boba Fett” team, Filoni — who also created multiple animated “Star Wars” series and worked on the first two seasons of Disney+’s “The Mandalorian” — “is the encyclopedia of ‘Star Wars,’” Wen said.

Marvel recently started folding characters from its Netflix series into its larger cinematic universe, and Wen would love to see the “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” gang get the same



Actor Ming-Na Wen, seen Dec. 9, reprises her role as Fennec Shand in “The Book of Boba Fett.” KEVIN WINTER/GETTY

treatment.

“I miss being Agent May,” she said. “We have such an incredible, long history. I sort of feel like ‘Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.’ paved the way. ... Agent May and Black Widow, they’re best buddies! I would absolutely love having that happen.”

Her priority now, of course, is continuing on with her role as Fennec Shand across the “Star Wars” TV universe. The character made her debut in the first season of “The Mandalorian,” came back for the second season, appeared in animated form during the first season of Filoni’s “Star Wars: The Bad Batch” series and will be stepping into a more central role for the first time in “The Book of Boba Fett.”

For a character that was originally only supposed to appear in that one episode of “The Mandalorian,” Wen considers playing

Fennec “an out-of-body experience half the time,” and she can’t wait for audiences to watch her and Boba Fett navigate the “Star Wars” universe’s criminal underbelly.

As Wen sees it, her life has been “altered tremendously” by her relationship with Disney.

She used to love going to pop-culture conventions and now enjoys engaging with her fans on social media because “it makes me so happy to be able to brighten their day for a few minutes.”

Jan. 2 birthdays: TV host Jack Hanna is 75. Actor Wendy Phillips is 70. Actor Gabrielle Carteris is 61. Actor Tia Carrere is 55. Actor Renee Elise Goldsberry is 51. Actor Taye Diggs is 51. Actor Dax Shepard is 47. Actor Kate Bosworth is 39. Actor Anthony Carrigan is 39. Musician Trombone Shorty is 36.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Stepdad shouldn’t unload on wife’s family

Dear Amy: I have been married to “Bev” for 14 years. She is wonderful. It is a second marriage for both of us.

Her son, “Cliff,” is like a son to me, and I love him very much. The problem is that my wife’s family, who all live locally, seem to think of Cliff as something other than being immediate family. Cliff is a real estate agent. He is part-owner of a company, and a real estate broker.

Cliff works extremely hard to make a living and yet he has several family members who will not use his services.

His first cousin refused to use him while buying and selling numerous houses, to the tune of approximately \$225,000 in lost revenue for Cliff.

Cliff has a wife and two children, and certainly could use the money.

The same exact thing happened five years ago, and my wife did not talk to her sister or niece for almost three years because of it.

I am fed up with it and want to unload on the bunch of them; including the parents who I think are partly to blame for this whole situation.

As it stands right now, I do not want any of them in my house at all. Based on this; however, I feel if I did unload, it would mean that my wife would end up losing whatever relationship she now has with her sister and niece. What do you think I should do?

— Furious Stepdad

Dear Furious: I believe your choice to frame this business situation as “lost revenue” is a little misleading. In my opinion, this is

not lost revenue (because he never had the revenue to start with), but “potential income.”

This makes a difference, because you seem to see this as business that was taken from “Cliff” versus business that was not offered to him.

Your loyalty toward him is laudable, but before you choose to unload, you should carefully consider the consequences.

First of all, acting out would not benefit him — and it might actually hurt him. If this family of locals chooses to retaliate, they could badmouth his business, which relies strongly on good referrals and great reviews.

Furthermore, your choice to unload would likely damage your wife’s relationship with her family further. Cliff will have to build up his business through other means, and there might be more positive ways you can help.

If your wife wants to completely break with her kin, she should make that move on her own, and you should support her.

Dear Amy: Is it ever right to give unsolicited advice to a loved one if you say in advance that they are free to take your advice, or not?

For instance, is it right to offer said advice in a case where you see the train wreck coming and you would never forgive yourself if you did not try to avert it?

— Asking for a Friend

Dear Asking: A few words about advice: Anyone is always free to “take or not take” advice — solicited or otherwise.

I have a quote scrawled

on a Post-It note over my desk: “Unsolicited advice is always self-serving.”

For instance, your desire to warn someone away from a speeding train allays your own anxiety; it might also give you some “told you so” satisfaction later. Unsolicited advice can also negatively affect your relationship with the person to whom you’re offering it, because it seems intrusive.

That having been said, if you see a train bearing down on a loved-one, yes — you should warn them.

Just don’t expect them to necessarily heed your warning.

You can offer up your advice by essentially asking the other person to invite it. For instance, “I have a point of view regarding your personal situation. May I share it with you?”

If the other person says, “Yes — go ahead,” they’re more likely to hear what you say.

Dear Amy: “Tired and Taxed” said his wife had hidden many of her financial assets, while continuing to accept his financial support for the running of the household.

Thank you for suggesting that he call a lawyer. Some forensic accounting is called for, and her response to the idea of a “post-nup” could give him an important clue concerning the future of their marriage.

— Supportive Husband

Dear Supportive: I agree.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Finding direction in your life can be challenging, but you don’t have to do it alone. If you experience shifts in your values during this time, make sure that you’re clear on the difference between peer support and peer pressure.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Reading a longtime favorite writer may be quite inspiring today. This can be useful. While you may be embracing your unique talents more these days, you still need connection with others. Seeing that someone else has dealt with similar challenges can help you feel less alone.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): An unexpected solution may help you find relief for a stressful financial problem. You might want to take this opportunity to learn more about the underlying logic of the system that you’re dealing with. It may turn out to be less intimidating than you expect! Repeat it going forward.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Emotional intimacy in any partnership requires breathing room as much as it does close nurturing of each other. A close relationship of yours may break out of a rut when you spend time with that person in a group setting. Give others space to show you something new!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may currently be eager to change your routine. However, you don’t necessarily have to reinvent the wheel! While it might be hard for you to take advice from others on this topic, shifting your attitude toward authority may get you some really helpful guidance.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Engaging deeply with the physical world might bring you joy today. Let your analytical nature shine. Don’t be afraid that digging too much will spoil the magic, because knowing why you like what you like can help you get more of it! That way, you don’t have to wait for happiness.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your home or family life could be due for change. Be sure not to lose track of yourself in whatever arrangement you create. Your sign is known for loving cool ideas, but the hard part is making sure those ideas actually meet everyone’s — including your own — individual needs in reality.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A close relationship of yours may have been changing for a while, but today, you might be able to put into words exactly what has shifted. This could be a relief for you. You knew something was up. Having someone else on board can make you feel less alone.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There’s no shame in seeking advice! That said, even if you realize that you need some support to get your finances in order today, you might not know who to ask. Fortunately, someone in your daily life may be able to give you enough pointers that you can move forward.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Changing your image to become a little more relaxed could be scary for you. Being open about your personal journey could be a helpful example to others. You might now be able to identify situations where being free with some things actually makes you more secure.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sharing your perspective may get easier for you. If you might turn your attention to topics typically avoided by the people around you because going there would disrupt their feelings of security, today they may be more open than usual to the challenge. Be the point person on any issue.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your commitment to a community of yours could be up for review. Look at your deeper motivations for staying involved. If you realize that you’re unlikely to get what you want by continuing on this same track, you may also develop the confidence you need to finally let go.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Jan. 2, 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces.

In 1967, Republican Ronald Reagan took the oath of office as the new governor of California.

In 1971, 66 people were killed in a pileup of spectators leaving a soccer match at Ibrox Stadium in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon signed legislation requiring states to limit highway speeds to

55 miles an hour as a way of conserving gasoline in the face of an OPEC oil embargo.

In 2015, California began issuing driver’s licenses to immigrants who were in the country illegally.

In 2018, NBC News announced that Hoda Kotb would be the co-anchor of the first two hours of the “Today” show.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

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HERON EAGLE PELICAN

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PLEDGE SOCIAL
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When he made the wisecrack about his wife’s skiing ability, he was —

ON A SLIPPERY SLOPE

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29. Make an oopsie
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34. Obnoxious sort
35. Mallorcan seaport
37. Legal order
39. Come out on top
40. Thick-heeled shoes
43. Lebanon's capital
44. Head-turning birds
45. Match sound to video
47. Great Lake near Detroit
48. Microscope part
52. Wildlife trail
55. Jump in a tutu
57. Online source for film buffs
58. 2021 Pixar film set in Italy
62. Panama pal
64. Half a toy train?
65. Pop singer Del Rey
66. Stir up
67. Corp. honchos
69. TD Garden NBAer
72. Research places
73. Childhood hero, perhaps
74. Small drying aids
75. Jet speed measure
76. Staff for sailing
78. Shop with record sales
79. Its supreme body is the Universal House of Justice
80. Word after string or sing
84. Costa __
85. Nolde watercolor with a turbulent title
88. "Mad Men" business
90. Candle count, maybe
91. Where teams annually make ice picks?
93. "Ready when you are!"
96. Pool and pickleball
98. Pinnacle
99. ShriII bark
100. "Mudbound" director Rees
102. Common tweet symbols
106. Fictional Kazakh journalist
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122. Edit, in a way

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MY PET WORLD

Could allergies be result of storage mites in pet food?

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: Regarding your column about cats with excessive grooming, I had a cat that had the same issue and through a lot of testing, we discovered she was allergic to storage mites that are found in most dry foods. Most cats have no issue with it, but some do. The solution suggested was to freeze the food for at least 24 hours to kill the storage mites. This has done the trick for my kitty. Her coat is soft and shiny, her grooming is now normal, not excessive, and all her sores are gone.
— Karen, Bristol, Tennessee

Dear Karen: That’s wonderful. It’s always great when you can identify the problem. Storage mites are found in foods with grains and cereals, i.e. dry dog and cat food. While it doesn’t affect most pets, it can cause allergies for some. Freezing new food until your cat (or dog) needs to eat it, is one way to reduce exposure since most commercial bags of pet food and treats (you might be happy to know) are not contaminated with storage mites until they are opened and stored (improperly) in the home. While freezing kills the mites, however, their little mite carcasses and feces remain and that may still be an allergy irritant for some dogs and cats. So, what else can pet owners do to mitigate storage mites in their pet’s dry food? In addition to storing the dry food in the freezer, pet owners can store it in airtight containers in a cool, dry environment. Wash food storage containers in hot water and soap between replenishing the container to prevent cross-contamination. Don’t purchase bags of food (or treats) with holes or tears in them, and don’t keep extra



Before switching a pet to any new diets, let your veterinarian diagnose the issue. **DREAMSTIME**

bags of food around the house. Canned food free of cereals and grains may also be an option with cats or dogs with sensitivities, but as a single source of food, it also can be expensive to buy and cause weight gain for some pets. While there are dry grain-free diets, they may not be ideal for every dog and cat. So, before switching to any new diets, let your veterinarian diagnose the problem, and then discuss diet options with them or a veterinary nutritionist.
Dear Cathy: I read the letter from Marge from Riverhead about board-

ing her dog. It’s sad what happened to her beloved dog. Another option she can explore is Rover. My sister turned me onto them. She used them when she went on a trip and had a very positive experience. I use this service three times per week as my dog needs medications and to be let out and fed at 3 p.m. while I am at work. The Rover person stays for an hour each day, and my dog is great. She would do overnights as well. If Marge is comfortable having someone stay in her home, this would be a great option where her dog can remain in her familiar surroundings.

— Donna, Massapequa Park, New York
Dear Donna: Finding a great pet sitter or a friend or family member for your pet to stay with are always good options because most pets are happiest remaining in their homes and living their normal routines. I don’t think Marge had any friends or family who could care for her dog, so it would be useful for her to begin developing a relationship with a pet sitter or other caretaker before her next vacation. I have been lucky to find great pet sitters through the years and often maintain relationships with

two to three at a time, so I am never without coverage for my pets. Having this resource was invaluable when I had to go to the hospital for an emergency overnight stay. I texted my pet sitters from the emergency room, and they coordinated coverage for my dogs and cat until I made it home from the hospital. They were awesome and it kept me from worrying about my pets during my hospital stay. You never know when you will need someone to watch your pet, so it’s always best to find your resources in advance, both for emergencies and planned trips. By search-

ing long before you need the resource, you can “audition” them (the pet sitter, the friend, the family member, the kennel) to see if they are a good fit for your pet. It’s much easier for a pet to adjust to their human being gone if they know a pet sitter or have visited a kennel in advance of a trip.

Cathy M. Rosenthal is a longtime animal advocate, author, columnist and pet expert who has more than 25 years in the animal welfare field. Send your pet questions, stories and tips to cathy@petpundit.com. Please include your name, city, and state. You can follow her @cathymrosenthal.

Trust your gut and break ties with that unnerving client



Judith Martin
Miss Manners
Dear Miss Manners: I am a “one-woman band” with a small plant nursery business. A professional relationship has quickly turned icky, but turning away business isn’t a great option for me.

I had been working with this man for about a month when he showed up one day “just to talk” and get to know me. He probed for personal information. I let him know only professional information, but also dropped my husband’s name quite often, which he mirrored by saying how great his son is over and over. I did tell him “This feels rather unprofessional,” and he exited soon after — but not until he tried to get me on a boat with him (I refused nicely), told me how much money he makes, what a great guy he is, that his wife is not nice and is dying of breast cancer, that he breeds dogs part-time, and other irrelevancies. So many red flags! After a few days, I was still a bit unnerved with this odd behavior, and I did a public search. Come to find out, this man and his son are BOTH convicted sexual predators whose mutual victim was less than 16 years of age. Now I’m quite sick and my head is spinning. I really need the business, but I don’t need the “ick factor.” My husband has signed me up for a gun permit (sigh) since I am often at the nursery till midnight or 1 a.m. watering and weeding. Should I just act like I know nothing, while keeping this nasty, immoral human scum at arm’s

length? Or should I break all professional ties with him?
Gentle reader: Surely the damage your business — or safety — could suffer from being associated with a convicted criminal is greater than that of losing a client. Miss Manners hopes that you will consider this and break ties. And further emphasize your point by sticking to daylight and business hours.
Dear Miss Manners: Where should I park my shopping cart while choosing items and/or reading labels for contents? I leave my cart in the middle of the aisle, thereby allowing other shoppers to look at the same items, and I step out of the way to allow passersby through. I believe other shoppers feel hurried when I wait for them to finish shopping a section with their cart, as we cannot both do so at once. I know that I feel hurried being in that same position. My husband maintains that leaving the cart in the middle of the aisle is rude, and that I should stay with my cart.

Gentle reader: Without venturing to guess who does most of the family shopping — or who can reach items on the top shelf without assistance — Miss Manners will simply agree with you that being with the cart every second is not possible. She agrees with your husband, however, that leaving it in the middle of the aisle gives an appearance of thoughtless abandon. If you will promise to park it to one side — and not anywhere for long — Miss Manners will agree to remind other customers that it is not a major inconvenience if they have to ask you to move forward so that they can get to the

canned peas.
Dear Miss Manners: My friend Henrietta, a bit of a snob, doesn’t own a car and often requests a ride into town. This is fine, but she always has me drop her a few blocks from our main square, saying she “could use a bit of a walk.” She does this even when it’s raining, and sometimes involves an awkward stop on busy roads. I’ve learned that she doesn’t do this with her more upscale friends, and I suspect she doesn’t want to be seen with me or alighting from my old economy car. I’m a little hurt and am wanting to confront her on this.

Gentle reader: Fulfilling as it would be to change your friend’s behavior, confronting her about it is unlikely to accomplish more than embarrassing both of you. If you really want to get even, Miss Manners recommends you continue to oblige her requests to be dropped off in the rain, which will leave her cold and wet — ample punishment for her crime.
Dear Miss Manners: I am enrolled in a yoga course for which payment is normally \$10 per class. When COVID hit, the instructor changed to doing the class via video-conference. Should I try to compensate her for her time?
Gentle reader: Yes. You are still receiving a service, although Miss Manners ventures no opinion about whether the service, and therefore the price, is identical.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

Try Mary Janes for a classic but comfortable work shoe



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel
Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I work in a professional setting where I want to wear classic, dressy but comfortable shoes (2 ½-inch heels) for work. I need a strap across the top of my foot (not an ankle strap) to make walking more comfortable. Amazon had some, but in limited colors and sizes. I can’t find anything that even comes close. I should have bought a pair in every color when they were available. Any suggestions?
— Bonnie W.

Dear Bonnie: Sometimes finding the exact thing you’re looking for comes down to figuring out the right search words to locate the elusive item on the internet. When I typed “Mary Jane 2 ½-inch heel,” I found an array of choices for you, similar to the photo you emailed me. You’re right that size options and colors are kind of limited, but check out Shoetopia’s Mary Jane Bow Strap Heels, (shoetopia.com, \$28.99), FSJ’s Black Mid Heel Women’s Mary Jane Pumps (fsjshoes.com, \$74.99) and dance stores like dancetore.com, where I found a selection in colors and materials in a good choice of sizes such as the Arris Allen Women’s Red Mary Jane dance shoes for \$72.95.
Dear Answer Angel Ellen: My undereye concealer leaves flesh color makeup stains inside my face masks even though I let it dry before putting on the mask. Do you have a list of concealers that don’t leave



It can be tough to find good, comfortable shoes for work. **DREAMSTIME**
marks?
— Dianne G.
Dear Dianne: I wish! Many concealers and foundations advertise as “transfer-proof” “stay-in-place,” “smudge-proof,” etc. I haven’t found one yet that actually doesn’t rub off on my mask. Some online reviewers recommend various “setting powder” or “translucent powder” on top of your makeup, for instance Laura Mercier Loose Setting powder, a pricey \$39 at sephora.com. Or, for frugal shoppers, e.l.f. High Definition Powder Sheer (target.com, \$6). I try never to buy products (or clothes) that require me to buy another product (or piece of clothing or new underwear) to make it work. So my best advice is resign yourself to the rub-off and buy a 50-pack of those (usually) blue disposable paper masks (like hospital personnel wear) and pitch them when they look gross. That doesn’t solve the problem of your rubbed off makeup and concealer. Admittedly it is a pain to carry around the gear to refresh your makeup during the day. Let’s hear it from readers who have some good ideas for Dianne and the rest of us. Meanwhile, if you’re wearing a mask most of the time, you could just focus on your eye makeup and forget about cosmetics entirely for the area covered by your mask.
Now it’s your turn
Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangel ellen@gmail.com.

Cardio before weightlifting may boost muscle

Exercise amplified upper-body routine effects in new study

By Gretchen Reynolds
The New York Times

Riding or running before you lift weights could amplify the effects of the lifting, according to a helpful new study of the molecular impacts of combining endurance and resistance exercise in a single workout. The study, which involved eight physically active men, found that 20 minutes of intense cycling right before an upper-body weight routine alters the inner workings of muscles, priming them to change and grow more than with lifting alone.

The new paper, recently published in Scientific Reports, offers practical guidance about how you might structure a gym workout for maximal benefit. It is also a bracing reminder of how potent and wide-ranging the effects of exercise may be.

For decades, trainers and scientists have debated whether and how to mix cardio and resistance exercise. Some small studies suggest combining the two might up the likely gains from each, especially the resistance training. (Almost all of these experiments have been conducted in men.) But other research indicates sweaty aerobic workouts beforehand could reduce strength improvements from lifting.

The authors of some of these studies speculate that molecular changes within muscles, caused by riding or running, wind up hindering some of the other desirable outcomes from lifting, an effect called exercise interference. Muscle fatigue might also play a role since, in most studies that pair cardio and resistance, volunteers exercise only their lower bodies, using their legs both for the endurance and strength



ELIZABETH WEINBERG/THE NEW YORK TIMES

training. Tired from the endurance work, the thinking goes, their leg muscles could have become unable to respond ideally to resistance training.

But what if the two types of exercise targeted completely separate groups of muscles, such as legs during the cycling and arms during the weight routine? That was the scenario posed by Marcus Moberg, a professor at the Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences in Stockholm, who studies muscle health, exercise and metabolism. In that case, would the lower-body endurance exercise augment the benefits of the upper-body weight training? Or would exerting your legs and lungs have zero — or even an unwelcome, counterproductive — impact on the muscles in your arms?

To learn more, he and his collaborators recruited eight active adult men in Stockholm and invited them to the lab for measures of their current aerobic fitness and strength.

Then, after the men had familiarized themselves with the lab's workout equipment, the researchers asked them, on a separate visit, to complete a two-part workout.

The men began with intense interval cycling. During this endurance exercise, the men pedaled hard for four minutes, rested for three and repeated that sequence five times.

After a few minutes of rest, they next moved on to upper-body weight machines that strenuously worked their arm and shoulder muscles.

During a different lab visit, the men completed the same weight routine, but with no cycling first.

The researchers drew blood and took tiny tissue samples from the men's triceps muscles before, immediately after, 90 minutes later and then three hours after each workout. (The primary reason women were not included in the study, Moberg said, was that women's less-developed triceps muscles make such repeated biopsies difficult and possibly injurious.)

Finally, the scientists microscopically examined the men's blood and muscle samples, looking for substances that indicated how their muscles were responding to the workouts, with special emphasis on proteins and markers of gene activity believed to

influence endurance and muscle mass.

They found them. After their solo weight training session, the men's muscles teemed with proteins and genetic markers known to help initiate muscle growth. Those same substances also abounded after the workout that included cycling but were joined by other proteins and gene activity associated with improved endurance.

In effect, after the dual workout, the men's muscles seemed primed to increase in both size and stamina, with no evidence that cycling had interfered, at a molecular level, with lifting. Instead, the aerobic exercise appeared to have broadened and intensified the expected benefits from weight training.

"The most fascinating finding is that some

biochemical factors evoked by the leg endurance exercise entered the bloodstream and were then able to influence processes in a completely different group of muscles, and in a way that seems to be beneficial for the training adaptations in the arms," Moberg said. "It is almost like the endurance exercise performed by the legs was being transferred to some degree to the arms."

He pointed out, too, that the men lifted the same amount of weight during both arm workouts. Hard pedaling with their legs had not tired their arms.

"The paper is great," said Dr. Michael Joyner, a physiologist and anesthesiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, who was not involved in the study. Its finding that "legs might have primed greater activation of key molecular pathways in the arms is a real piece of brain candy."

Of course, this study, like so many similar experiments, involved only men.

"But there is no good rationale for believing the effects would be any different in women," Moberg said, adding he and his colleagues hope to include women in upcoming experiments with fewer biopsies.

This study also was short term and looked at endurance exercise preceding weight training, and not the reverse. Some past experiments suggest lifting first has little impact, for better or worse, on aerobic exercise afterward. But those studies focused on legs, so it remains to be seen if working your arms before cardio can be as worthwhile as the other way around.

But overall, the upshot of the findings, Moberg said, is that starting a workout by exercising your legs and lungs before moving to upper body lifting makes practical and physiological sense.

"It can be a time-effective and potentially beneficial approach," he said.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Some blood pressure meds can cause chronic coughs

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have had a chronic dry cough for years. Workups with allergists, pulmonologists and even a gastroenterologist have not turned up the cause. Pulmonary function tests have ruled out asthma or COPD.

My prescriptions include metformin, glimepiride, simvastatin and losartan. The latest is Singulair for the cough, but it hasn't helped. Do you have any ideas?

A: Most doctors know that ACE inhibitor blood pressure medicines like lisinopril can cause a persistent cough. They may not pay attention to a drug like losartan, an angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB), because they perceive it as unlikely to trigger cough.

Research in rabbits does show that losartan is less likely than lisinopril to cause a cough (Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology, April 2013). Nonetheless, this does seem to be a possible, though less common, side effect of losartan.

Other readers have reported cough when taking an ARB, and the official prescribing information notes: "Cases of cough, including positive re-challenges, have been reported with the use of losartan in postmarketing experience."

We don't know if losartan is causing your cough. However, it would make sense to ask your doctor if you could try a blood pressure medication that is neither an ACE inhibitor nor an ARB.

Q: I read your arti-



Coughing is a possible, though less common, side effect of the drug losartan. DREAMSTIME

cle about discontinuing daily 81-mg aspirin for those over 65. People with diabetes have been taking aspirin for years because of the increased risk of heart attacks and strokes. Is there any research on the risk of diabetes stopping the 81-mg aspirin?

A: This is an important question that doctors are still asking (JAMA Network Open, June 21, 2021). There have been few studies focused on the risks of discontinuing aspirin for people with diabetes.

One such trial focused on people with Type 2 diabetes (Diabetes Therapy, October 2020). Stopping after short-term aspirin use did not increase the risks or heart attacks, strokes or death after a stent was put in.

However, these individuals kept taking a medicine such as clopidogrel designed to prevent blood clots. That might have helped protect them from rebound clotting after discontinuing aspirin.

Q: I am 13 weeks pregnant. I was constipated for two days, but today I had bad diarrhea. As

a result, I developed a super uncomfortable hemorrhoid. Two over-the-counter medicines didn't work. The pain was horrible. I couldn't take it anymore, so I told my dad about my problem. He said that my grandpa used to apply Vicks VapoRub. I could hardly believe this, but I figured what the heck. To my surprise, it worked.

A: Vicks VapoRub is an unorthodox hemorrhoid remedy, but many readers agree with you that it can soothe the pain and relieve itching. Others, however, have complained that it produces a feeling of spontaneous combustion in the nether region. One reader described his butt discomfort this way: "Mayday, tail on fire!"

As a result of such comments, we have discouraged use of Vicks on that area of the anatomy. The makers of VapoRub state quite clearly that it is "for external use only" and should not be used "on wounds or damaged skin."

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Having a pet plays huge role in creating a healthy lifestyle

Mayo Clinic

Q: I have been working from home as a result of COVID-19. The adjustment has been difficult, and created a lot of stress and strain on my mental and physical health. I find that I spend much of my time in front of the computer. I eat more often, and I barely go outside. A friend suggested I adopt a dog to lift my spirits and get me motivated to go outside. Would I see any real benefits from this? Is there any connection between pets and our health?

A: Pets play a huge role in creating a healthy lifestyle. In fact, studies have shown that pet ownership can enhance fitness levels, lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels, relieve stress, improve mental and heart health, and boost overall happiness and well-being. Evidence also suggests that connections to pets provide good social support — an important factor in helping you stick with new health habits.

One of the main benefits is that dogs force us to get up and move for routine and regular walks. A research study found that dog owners more likely report regular physical activity patterns, a healthy diet and ideal blood sugar levels compared to those who do not own dogs. This is beneficial to your heart health because increased physical activity helps strengthen your heart muscles, making it more efficient in pumping blood throughout your body and improving overall heart health.

It's no secret that pets contribute to overall happiness. Owning a dog has even been linked to better mental health



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and less perception of social isolation — both risk factors for heart attacks. Dog owners have increased interaction with people, and are less likely to experience depression. This helps to diminish social isolation, which can reduce worse health outcomes and premature death.

Even just interacting with a dog has shown to increase levels of "feel-good" brain chemicals, such as oxytocin and dopamine. This creates positive, happy feelings and a great bonding experience for you and your pet. Pets bring a significant benefit to working from home. Over 50% of people surveyed said they would prefer if they could bring their pet to work.

There are four major ways pets can help with your mental health while working from home. ■ Pets can reduce work-related stress. Two out of three employees say work stresses them out, and 40% say their job gets in the way of their health. Studies show that pets in the workplace reduce stress and improve employee satisfaction.

■ Pets help manage anxiety. Up to 30% of the workforce could be working from home multiple days

per week by the end of 2021, according to Global Workplace Analytics. So, now more than ever, people are struggling with mental health. Pets provide companionship and support.

■ Pets help you be more active. Pets give us a reason to get outside, get some fresh air and get in some physical activity.

■ Pets combat loneliness. The bond with pets helps people feel less alone. Owners can touch, see, hear or talk to their companion animals, which helps to bring joy and happiness.

Aside from your mental health, owning a pet — a canine in particular — can significantly help your heart. Owning a dog is a big decision that takes a lot of responsibility, but there are countless mental and physical benefits. Consider getting a pet to help you be more active and socially connected, while also improving heart health and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

— *Compiled by Mayo Clinic staff*

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BOOKS Q&A

A music fest paramedic reflects on Astroworld

By Dorany Pineda
Los Angeles Times

In the 2020 book “Molly, Mushrooms & Mayhem: Stories from Inside the Music Festival Medical Tent,” Jim Bollenbacher recounts the first time he witnessed the effects of psychedelic mushrooms. He was working as a paramedic at an electronic dance music festival when he was called by security to check on a young man crawling on the floor, picking imaginary things off the ground and out of the air.

Back in the medical tent, the young man had a 10-minute conversation about the day’s events with someone who wasn’t there. “He both asked and answered a number of questions,” wrote Bollenbacher, a former attorney and corporate leader who became a paramedic after retiring.

It’s one of the tamer behind-the-scenes stories he recounts in the collection, featuring other tales from fellow EMTs and paramedics. These also include some darker moments, including deaths.

When Bollenbacher heard about the crowd surge at Houston’s Astroworld Festival that killed 10 people, including a 9-year-old boy, he was devastated. “The impact of a death on the medical staff is palpable,” he writes. “I can’t begin to imagine the effect on the families.”

Bollenbacher spoke about the travails of being a music festival paramedic

and what we can learn about the Astroworld tragedy. The conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: What was your initial reaction when you heard about the Astroworld tragedy?

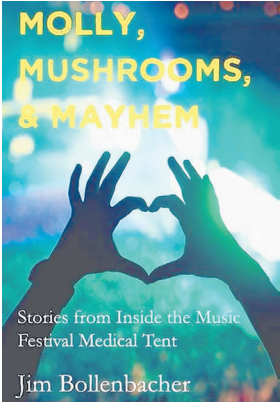
A: It’s heartbreaking. I have worked at festivals where people have died and it is devastating to the medical staff. I can’t imagine what this medical staff went through. And of course the families; your loved one goes out to an event to have fun, listen to music, party with friends and something like this happens.

I have been at a festival where something similar happened on a much, much smaller scale. It was Lollapalooza in Chicago, I believe the summer of 2018. I don’t remember who was performing. I was on a roving medical golf cart, but there was a push of the crowd and I got called to a medical tent to help. When I showed up there were probably two dozen people who were trying to get oxygen. They were hyperventilating. They were panicked. What had happened was — they were in front of the crowd, pushed up against the fence. Fortunately security did a great job of getting these people out.

Everybody was fine. It was not even remotely on the same scale as Astroworld, but I saw the fear in those young ladies’ eyes. I remember



Security officers pull several people out of the crowd with apparent dehydration as the Lil Uzi Vert performance was cut short Nov. 14 at the Day N Vegas hip-hop music festival at the Las Vegas Festival Grounds. **ALLEN J. SCHABEN/LOS ANGELES TIMES**



‘Molly, Mushrooms & Mayhem’
By Jim Bollenbacher; 97 pages, \$10

one scared young woman, whom I just sat next to and talked with to try to calm her down, to let her know she was safe. It struck me because later, as the festival was ending that night, she saw me as she was walking by and she made a point of stopping and thanking me.

Lollapalooza happens at Grant Park, which is enormous. I think there are eight stages and it’s

several miles long and wide. Crowd surges are a very real concern. The way it’s arranged, they have security in the front and through the aisles that they create in the pens. It’s something the producers of these festivals, in my experience, are very concerned about and take steps to prevent.

Q: What do you hope people learn from Astroworld? And how can they stay safe, specifically when they find themselves in a crowd surge?

A: I think the best thing they can do is to not find themselves in that crowd surge. You have to be aware of your surroundings. If you start to feel uncomfortable, you need to immediately get yourself out of the situation. I know that’s easy to say and hard to do, but I hope that with these tragedies, people become more aware of the possibility. The 2017 Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas and

this event in Houston are really tragic. The moral for me is: Recognize that it’s possible for things to go wrong, and when you get that feeling that you’re not comfortable, get out.

Q: If someone in a dense crowd needs medical assistance and can’t find help right away, what can they do?

A: The events I’ve worked at have had an abundance of security. I have seen people work themselves to the front, the side or the back to get to security or asked to be passed. I think that’s an effective way of doing it.

There are a lot more security people than there are medical people. You can’t have the paramedics everywhere. The key is finding somebody with a T-shirt that says “Security” or “Medical” or “Production.” Those people all know how to find and get medical help.

Q: Who do you think is

responsible for ensuring people’s safety at these events?

A: I think we’re all responsible. The producers have a responsibility, and in my experience they take that very seriously. I say in my book that I think the producers care very much about the safety of participants. If I didn’t feel that way I wouldn’t work with them. I think the artists, to a certain extent, should be aware. I don’t know what they can see or what they can hear, but I think we all have our own responsibility to just be aware and recognize that we are not alone.

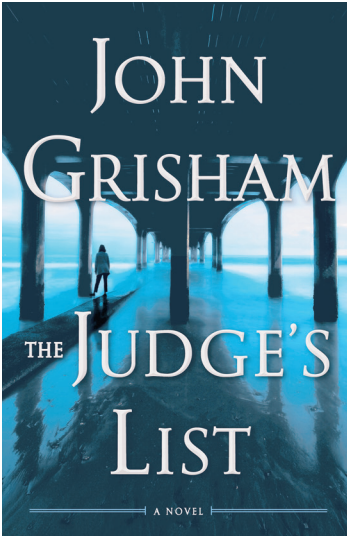
Q: What else do you want people to know about music festivals and your experiences working in them?

A: I think when something like this happens, it is obviously tragic for the families. But the first responders are also impacted by these events and I don’t think we should forget that.

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

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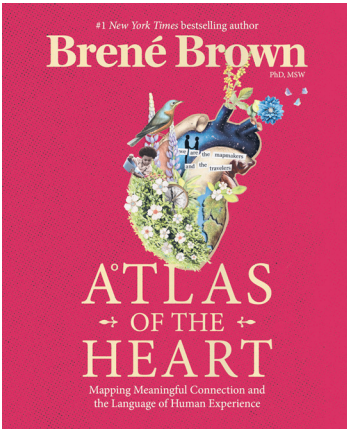
1. **“The Judge’s List: A Novel”** by John Grisham (Doubleday) *Last week: 1*



2. **“The Stranger in the Lifeboat”** by Mitch Albom (Harper) *Last week: 3*
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— Publishers Weekly

BOOK REVIEW

Inside the world of a Somali sailor hanged for murder

By Claude Peck
Star Tribune

Mahmood Mattan has been rescued. Given new life, he emerges from the pages of “The Fortune Men” as a full-blooded literary victim-hero with all the complexity that such a status tends to require.

It’s a miraculous feat by Somali-British writer Nadifa Mohamed, coming 70 years after Mahmood, falsely accused of murdering a woman in her store in Cardiff, was hanged in a dank Welsh prison.

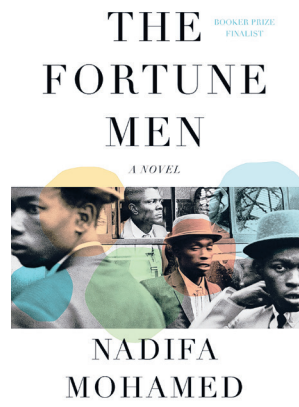
Mahmood died in 1952. Family and friends sought for decades to clear his name. Finally, in 1998, a panel of British judges quashed Mahmood’s conviction.

With the basic facts of the case and its outcome widely known, what is left for a novelist? How will she maintain suspense?

Mohamed overcomes such doubts with the feast of her prose. She brings magic to her project, achieving in fiction what no historical account could match.

Mahmood grew up Muslim amid famine, drought, war and colonial occupation in Somalia. His pious mother thought nothing of medicating her boy with words of the Quran washed off a chalkboard and stirred into a potion for drinking. As a teen, he began a wandering life as a laborer in Africa before circling the globe as a sailor on merchant ships. Though he spoke five languages, he could scarcely read or write.

He never feared taking chances or facing the unknown: “I am a gambling soul. Even as a small boy if someone say to me, ‘Oh, I know you won’t do that or you can’t do this,’



‘The Fortune Men’
By Nadifa Mohamed; Alfred Knopf, 320 pages, \$27

I look them in the eye and just do it. I take everything life give me and throw it in fate’s face.”

Mahmood’s ill-fated story picks up in Tiger Bay, a port town where he hopes to reunite with his estranged wife and their three young sons. It’s a bustling place, blasted, polluted, bruised by World War II, the kind of town where “you can have chop suey for lunch and Yemeni saltah for dinner.” The town is multiracial but also plenty racist, with Blacks from the West Indies and Africa working as laborers and living in slums.

More prosperous but also émigrés are the Volacki sisters, whose Jewish father moved there from Russia 50 years earlier and became a successful merchant. By the 1950s, Violet Volacki is running the family store. One night, answering the door after closing hours, she is killed, purportedly by a Black man. Without much in the way of evidence or witnesses, Mahmood soon becomes the chief murder suspect.

“The Fortune Men” revels in the sensual details of its life-and-death tale,

Nadifa Mohamed brings magic to her project, achieving in fiction what no historical account could match.

from the starry Somali desert of Mahmood’s youth to the smell of cooked food threading the air of Tiger Bay.

A celebration of Eid, the parade and feast to end Ramadan is enjoyed by all: “Aproned matrons, flat-capped gamblers, ruined rummies, yapping dogs, fresh-faced bar girls and leather-jacketed teenage delinquents watch from the pavement and wave out of windows. A few tatty Union Jacks, left over from VE-Day celebrations, flap about. The giddy children delight in what they call Muslim Christmas.”

The unbridled delight of such scenes gives rise to the existential dread that curdles Mahmood’s reflective soul when it dawns on him that his innocence will not protect him from the hangman’s noose.

The trial is a joke. Mahmood’s own lawyer may as well have been working for the prosecution, and a guilty verdict and death sentence are quickly announced.

Believable, flawed, labile, proud, defiant, fatalistic and vengeful, Mahmood captures our full sympathy, and his final days are filled with insight and pathos.

In a reversal of the western perspective, Mahmood shows us Britain through the eyes of this outsider, the Black African, the Muslim. It’s an eye-opening angle of vision and an unforgettable one.

Hartford Courant

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DAN REEVES 1944-2022

Reached Super Bowl 9 times

Coached Giants, Broncos, Falcons in NFL coaching career

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

Legendary NFL coach Dan Reeves, who ranks 10th all-time in wins and reached nine Super Bowls as a player and coach, died

on Saturday morning at the age of 77.

Reeves' death was first reported by Alex Marvez of SiriusXM NFL Radio. Reeves died of complications from dementia "peacefully and surrounded by his loving family at his home in Atlanta," according to a family statement released through former Atlanta Falcons media director Aaron Salkin.

Reeves worked in professional football for 38 years. He turned an eight-year playing career as a hard-nosed Dallas Cowboys running back into a 23-year head coaching run with the Denver Broncos, Giants and Atlanta Falcons.

He is not in the Pro Football Hall of Fame yet, but he deserves to be.

"Dan Reeves had a legendary NFL career as both a player and a coach," Giants co-owner John

Mara said in a statement. "He made an indelible mark on the league and all of the people he played with [and] coached and worked alongside. He was one of the finest men I have ever been around in this business. Our deepest condolences to [his wife] Pam and the entire Reeves family."

Reeves led the Broncos to three

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New York Giants head coach Dan Reeves gives some instructions to his starting QB Phil Simms on Sept. 12, 1993. MARK LENNIHAN/AP

COMMENTARY

Yankees fans wait as Mets spend

It's been 12 years since team played in Series

By Mike Lupica
Columnist

NEW YORK — "Wait 'Till Next Year" was always and famously the rallying cry of the other guys in baseball in the city, especially for fans of the old Brooklyn Dodgers in the '50s, until there came the magical October of 1955 when they finally beat the Yankees in a World Series.

That was a victory that inspired one of the most memorable front pages in the history of the New York Daily News, from the great cartoonist Leo O'Mealia, the one that read this way:

"Who's a Bum!"

Then the Yankees got them — again — in '56, and the Dodgers and their fans were waiting until next year, before Brooklyn baseball fans waited forever after the '57 season, because their team was gone to L.A. forever.

Now it is Yankee fans who are waiting. And waiting. As we enter a New Year, it is now 12 years and counting since the last time their team won a World Series. Or played in one.

Nobody would ever call the Yankees bums, lovable or otherwise. They have one winning season after another, back to the middle of the 1990s, an historic and remarkable run.

But their fans know that winning seasons aren't supposed to be the coin of the realm on the north side of 161st St. any more than they were on the other side of 161st St., where the Yankees won 26 of the 27 World Series.

Yankee fans liked it better over there, the home for most of the good ghosts that Derek Jeter liked to talk about.

Now it's as if the Yankees have ghosted the Series.

And it's even worse than that right now, especially in light of the way the Yankees started doing business, on and off the field, once George Steinbrenner got to town, and became the first real modern sports owner, throwing money around and making more noise than a brass band.

It is the other team in New York, the Mets, who now have become the biggest baseball spender around, even bigger in the moment than the Dodgers. It is the Mets who made the biggest offseason noise before the sport shut down because of the current labor dispute, signing free agent Max Scherzer to a record-setting

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Ohio State quarterback C.J. Stroud, left, and wide receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba celebrate a second-half touchdown during the Buckeyes' 48-45 win over Utah in the Rose Bowl on Saturday. MARK J. TERRILL/AP

ROSE BOWL NO. 7 OHIO STATE 48, NO. 10 UTAH 45

Stroud leads offensive push

Buckeyes QB has 6 TD passes, guides winning drive

Associated Press

PASEDENA, CALIF. — C.J. Stroud capped his record-setting offensive day by leading a 56-yard drive ending in Noah Ruggles' 19-yard field goal with nine seconds to play, and No. 7 Ohio State beat No. 10 Utah 48-45 on Saturday night in the wild 108th edition of the Rose Bowl.

Stroud passed for a school-record 573 yards and a record-tying six touchdowns for the Buckeyes (11-2), who won the Granddaddy of Them All for the second time in four years with an offensive performance that shattered multiple long-standing offensive marks. Stroud's yards passing and touchdowns both are Rose Bowl records, and he finished 3 yards shy of the record for yards passing in any bowl game.

Ohio State still had to rally from 10 points down late in the third quarter to get past the Pac-12 champion Utes (10-4),

who got off to an electrifying start and stayed competitive even after star quarterback Cameron Rising went down with an injury with 9:56 to play in Utah's first trip to the Rose Bowl.

Jaxon Smith-Njigba set the record for any FBS bowl game with 347 yards receiving while catching a school-record 15 passes and scoring three touchdowns. Marvin Harrison Jr. also caught three TD passes for the Buckeyes, who set a Rose Bowl record with 683 total yards.

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PATRIOTS

Late-year magic has gone poof recently

Pats unaccustomed to struggles down stretch

By Ben Volin
Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — One of the core tenets of the Patriots dynasty was that they often played their best football late in the season, as the stakes grew higher.

Between 2001 and 2018, the Patriots amassed a remarkable 70-16 record in December and January regular-season games, for an .814 win percentage that was the best in the NFL by a significant margin. The Steelers were next at .736, followed by the Packers at .686 and Eagles at .632. Seven times in those 18 seasons, the Patriots went undefeated in their final month(s).

Yet for three years now, the Patriots seem to have lost their late-season magic.

In 2019, Tom Brady's last season, the Patriots went 2-3 down the stretch, ruining their shot at a first-round bye.

In 2020 with Cam Newton, the Patriots again went 2-3 and missed the playoffs at 7-9.

And this year with Mac Jones, the Patriots went 1-2 in December to fall from No. 1 to No. 6 in the AFC playoff race. They had an important win over Buffalo before their bye week, but then lost two crucial games to the Colts and Bills, looking sloppy in each performance.

That's 5-8 in December/January the last three seasons, with two games to go this season — Sunday at home against the Jaguars and the following week at the Dolphins.

The 9-6 Patriots have gone from dreaming about a first-round bye to needing to win just to seal a wild-card spot.

"We know we're capable of playing better, and that's definitely frustrating when you don't do that for two weeks in a row, coming off a bye," Patriots safety Devin McCourty said. "Now there's two games left. We don't have time to gradually improve. We've got to go execute and figure out how to win a game Sunday."

The Patriots have been beset by slow starts in each of their last two games. Against the Colts, they were shut out in the first half for the first time in 100 games, and trailed, 20-0, at the start of the fourth quarter. Against Buffalo, the Patriots couldn't match the Bills score for score, and found themselves trailing, 20-7, midway through the third

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UP NEXT
Jaguars at Patriots
1 p.m. Sunday, CBS-3

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According to climate scientists, drowning deaths are rising exponentially in areas with warmer winters.

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Patriots: Jaguars, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Giants: at Bears, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Jets: Buccaneers, Sunday, 1 p.m.
UConn MBB: at Seton Hall, Saturday, noon; St. John's (Gampel), Jan. 12, 8:30 p.m.; at Providence, Jan. 15, 2 p.m.
UConn WBB: at Villanova, Friday, 7 p.m.; Creighton (Gampel), Jan. 9, 1 p.m.; at Butler, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
Celtics: Magic, Sunday, 6 p.m.; Spurs, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Knicks, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Knicks: at Raptors, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; Pacers, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Celtics, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Nets: Grizzlies, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pacers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Bucks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: at Harvard, Sunday, 7 p.m.; at Boston Coll., Saturday, 4 p.m.; Boston Univ., Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
Bruins: at Red Wings, Sunday, 1 p.m.; Devils, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Wild, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: Lightning, Sunday, 12:30 p.m.; Oilers, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Knights, Thursday, 10 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Rochester, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Rochester, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Utica, Saturday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASKETBALL

12 p.m.: Womens College } Louisville at Georgia Tech. (Live) ACC
12 p.m.: St. Bonaventure at Dayton. (Live) CBSSN
12 p.m.: Womens College } Temple at UCF. (Live) ESPN
12 p.m.: Womens College } St. Johns at Villanova. (Live) FS1
1 p.m.: Womens College } Tennessee at Arkansas. (Live) SEC
1 p.m.: Womens College } Ole Miss at South Carolina. (Live) ESPN2
2 p.m.: Womens College } Miami at Virginia. (Live) ACC
2 p.m.: Richmond at Saint Louis. (Live) CBSSN
2 p.m.: UCF at SMU. (Live) ESPN
2:30 p.m.: Davidson at VCU. (Live) USA
3 p.m.: Womens College } Georgia at Florida. (Live) SEC
3 p.m.: Womens College } Maryland at Indiana. (Live) ESPN2
3:30 p.m.: Raptors 905 at Motor City Cruise. (Live) NBA
4 p.m.: Womens College } Virginia Tech at Wake Forest. (Live) ACC
4 p.m.: Womens College } West Virginia at Iowa State. (Live) ESPN
5 p.m.: Womens College } Teams TBA. (Taped) SEC
5 p.m.: College Basketball (Taped) ESPN
5 p.m.: Loyola-Chicago at Southern Illinois. (Live) ESPN2
6 p.m.: Womens College } Clemson at North Carolina. (Live) ACC
6 p.m.: Loyola-Chicago at Southern Illinois. (Live) ESPN
6 p.m.: Indiana Pacers at Cleveland Cavaliers. (Live) NBA
10 p.m.: Minnesota Timberwolves at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live) SPRTNET
EQUESTRIAN
2:30 p.m.: Americas Day at the Races. (Live) FS1
FOOTBALL
1 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) CBS FOX
2 p.m.: Under Armour All-America Game. (Live) ESPN
4 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) CBS
4:25 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) FOX
8:20 p.m.: Minnesota Vikings at Green Bay Packers. (Live) NBC
9 p.m.: Dukes Mayo Bowl -- North Carolina vs South Carolina. (Taped) ACC
9 p.m.: Rose Bowl Utah vs Ohio State. (Taped) ESPN
HOCKEY
12:30 p.m.: St. Louis Blues at Minnesota Wild. (Taped) NHL
1 p.m.: Boston Bruins at Detroit Red Wings. (Live) SPRTNET
2:30 p.m.: 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship First Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. (Live) NHL
3:30 p.m.: Anaheim Ducks at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) SPRTNET



The Bears could bring in a new regime to try to rebuild the roster around Justin Fields, the quarterback they took when they traded up last year. ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

GIANTS

It's a no-lose?

No matter who wins Sunday's game, Giants win

By Tom Rock
Newsday

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Giants can't lose on Sunday. At least not when it comes to something that many teams in their lowly position start thinking about late in a bad season: draft positioning. Oh, sure, they can be outscored by the Bears at Soldier Field. It's not too hard to envision that happening, given their recent state of play. They could fall to 4-12 and leave Chicago on the first week-end of the new year without having claimed an actual victory since Thanksgiving weekend. They also could figure out a way to scrounge some points together, clamp down on a Bears offense that can be just as ineffective as their own has proved to be, and snap their four-game losing streak. More often than not, such a scenario would be frustratingly counter to the hopes of fans who, once their team has been eliminated from postseason contention, start rooting for losses and the higher picks that accompany them. Usually, a game between two teams with a combined 9-21 record would be all about jostling in the upcoming draft order. But because the Giants executed a draft-day trade in April, moving back nine spots in the first round to acquire Chicago's first-round pick in 2022, Sunday's outcome will have almost no impact on the value of those assets. Both teams are so bad that the two picks almost certainly will be top 10 selections, likely landing somewhere between third and eighth overall. Hooray? Maybe for the fans, but for both teams, the failures of the 2021 season mean no one knows who will be around to enjoy the spoils of that swap. The Bears could clear out their house from top to bottom and bring in a new regime to try to rebuild the roster around Justin Fields, the quarterback they took when they traded up. And the Giants? Dave Gettleman spent his entire career in the NFL without ever trading back in a single draft, and after finally

GIANTS (4-11) AT BEARS (5-10)
Time/TV: 1 p.m., CBS.
Series record: Bears lead 35-24-2.
Last meeting: Bears beat Giants 17-13, Sept. 20, 2020, in Chicago.
Last week: Giants lost 34-10 at Philadelphia; Bears won 25-24 at Seattle.
Giants player to watch: WR Kenny Golladay. The Giants paid \$72 million to sign the former Lion to a four-year contract in the offseason. He has yet to score a touchdown. Bears player to watch: WR Darnell Mooney. The second-year pro has eclipsed Allen Robinson as Chicago's most productive receiver.
Key matchup: Bears OLB Robert Quinn vs. Giants LT Andrew Thomas. Quinn ranks second in the NFL with 17 sacks and is closing in on Hall of Famer Richard Dent's club record of 17 ½ in 1984.
Game notes: The Giants have lost four straight overall and six in a row on the road. ... New York was held to a season-low 192 yards against the Eagles last weekend. They Giants have scored a combined 46 points in the four games since Daniel Jones was hurt against Philadelphia on Nov. 28. ... RB Saquon Barkley will be playing in Chicago for the first time since tearing his ACL and MCL against the Bears on Sept. 20, 2020. Evan Engram caught the Giants' only touchdown last week. He needs seven receptions in the final two games to pass Mark Barvaro (266) for third in franchise history among tight ends. ... With two games left, the Bears are trying to finish a rough season on a stronger note. They hope to build on last week's comeback win after dropping eight of the previous nine.

— Associated Press

doing so in 2021, he seems unlikely to be around when that bounty finally comes into being. The Giants figure to be moving on from Gettleman once this season comes to a merciful end next week, and they'll begin a search to find a new general manager who will use the picks Gettleman acquired to put his or her first fingerprints on the franchise. Even Joe Judge, whose seat is getting as hot as the weather at Soldier Field will be cold on Sunday but remains likely to be back next year, wanted no part in discussing the draft picks exchanged between the two teams. Judge was asked if he has kept tabs on the Bears this season — knowing that the worse they did, the better the Giants' pick would become — and a man who is hardly ever terse or pithy in his responses simply said: “No.” If the season already were over (and don't think the Giants and Bears don't wish it was, on some level), the Giants would hold the fifth overall pick and own the eighth overall pick from Chicago. According to ESPN's Football Power Index, there is a 47.3% chance that at least one of them eventually will land in the top five. If the Giants win — as in actually outscore their opponent — their true draft slot would be No. 8, with the Bears entering the top five. If the Giants lose to the

Bears, it opens the slim possibility that they could slide far enough to secure the third overall selection. Jacksonville and Detroit, two two-win teams, almost assuredly are going to have the first two picks. If the Giants finish 4-13, they could be next in line, although their strength of schedule would put them behind Houston and the Jets (two teams that currently also have four wins) if none of them wins again this season. That's not what the Giants are hoping for, of course. “We've just got to continue to fight for each other,” running back Saquon Barkley said. “We know the season didn't go the way that we would like it, but we only have two more opportunities left as a team . . . With these last two games, starting with Chicago, we've got to come out here and fight. That's kind of got to be the whole theme of the team and for each player.” **Toney out again:** Kadarius Toney has shown glimpses of being a dynamic and explosive player for the Giants when he's been on the field. The problem is, the oft-injured rookie wide receiver hasn't been on it enough. After practice on Friday afternoon, the Giants declared Toney out with a shoulder injury for Sunday's game against the Bears in Chicago. This year's 20th overall pick will miss a game for the sixth time this season.

JETS

Huge age gap in battle of QBs

Bucs' Brady set to oppose Jets' rookie Wilson

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tom Brady was beginning his senior season at Michigan when he celebrated his 22nd birthday, a fresh-faced quarterback who was eight months away from being an unheralded sixth-round draft pick. It was Aug. 3, 1999 — also the day Zach Wilson was born. “It's funny because I think I've known that since elementary school or something,” said a smiling Wilson, the New York Jets' rookie quarterback. “It was always something I thought was kind of cool.” When Brady's Tampa Bay Buccaneers come to MetLife Stadium to take on Wilson's Jets on Sunday, it will mark the largest age gap between starting quarterbacks since at least 1950, according to NFL Research. That has happened a few times lately for the 44-year-old Brady, including when he faced New England's 23-year-old Mac Jones in Week 4. And then again a few weeks later when he took on Chicago's 22-year-old Justin Fields. Wilson is five months younger than Fields, so history will be made again Sunday. “It's the same August birthday, but the cool thing is I think he was born in 1977 and I was born in

1999, so it's 22 years later,” Wilson said. “That's just crazy, right, to play in the same game.” Brady is 30-8 in his career against the Jets, including 1-1 in the postseason, but this is the first time he'll play against them since joining the Buccaneers (11-4). New York has at least two dozen players on its active roster that have never played against Brady. So it's new territory for many Jets — some of whom might need to fight the urge to feel a bit star struck when they see the seven-time Super Bowl champion. “To be able to witness that as you're growing up, him win no matter the circumstance or situation and then to line up across from him, that's something a lot of people dream about,” said 27-year-old defensive tackle Sheldon Rankins, who has been on the field against Brady twice while with New Orleans. “Then to be able to do it, for a split-second, guys can really sit there and be like, ‘Wait a minute, that's Tom Brady,’ ” he added. “It'll happen to somebody, but when the bullets start flying, it's football. It's time to go win a game.” Easier said than done, of course. Especially with Brady and the Buccaneers looking to improve their playoff standing from the NFC's No. 4 overall seed. They clinched the NFC South title last week and are still in the running for a first-round bye.

Patriots

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quarter. Former Patriots safety Rodney Harrison believes they have lacked energy since the bye week. “Every time I turn on the tape the last two weeks, they're not matching the energy,” said Harrison, who is now with NBC's “Football Night in America.” “The Patriots aren't good enough just to show up. They've got to be ready and they have to match the other team's energy. And for them not to match the team's energy for two straight weeks is very disappointing.” The Patriots' two-game losing streak may just be a case of running into two of the top teams in the NFL. The Bills have an elite quarterback and are considered

JAGUARS (2-13) AT PATRIOTS (9-6)

Time/TV: 1 p.m., CBS-3
Series record: Patriots lead 11-2.
Last meeting: Jaguars beat Patriots 31-20 on Sept. 16, 2018 in Jacksonville, Florida
Last week: Jaguars lost to Jets 26-21; Patriots lost 33-21 to Bills.
Jaguars player to watch: Rookie Trevor Lawrence, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, has just one touchdown pass in his last eight games.
Patriots player to watch: RB Damien Harris. He is fourth in the NFL with 12 rushing touchdowns. Key matchup: Lawrence vs. New England's secondary. Lawrence's rough rookie season could find a new pit as he prepares to face a defense allowing only 193.7 yards per game through the air.
Game notes: The Jaguars have lost 16 consecutive road games, the longest skid in the league. ... They have scored nine touchdowns in their last nine games, with three of those coming in the fourth quarter while trailing by double digits. ... New England's Bill Belichick can post his 20th 10-win season as a head coach, which would tie Don Shula for the most in NFL history. ... The Patriots are 24-6 against rookie quarterbacks under Belichick. It includes a 25-6 win in Week 2 over the New York Jets in which 2021 No. 2 overall pick Zach Wilson threw four interceptions. Texans rookie Davis Mills threw for 312 yards and three TDs, but came up short in a 25-22 loss in Week 5. ... Jones leads all rookie quarterbacks with 3,313 passing yards and 18 touchdowns. ... TE Hunter Henry is tied with Baltimore's Mark Andrews and Buffalo's Dawson Knox for first in the NFL among tight ends with nine touchdown receptions. With a 10th he'd join Rob Gronkowski as the only other Patriots tight end to reach double-digit touchdown catches in a season.

— Associated Press

Reeves

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AFC titles and took the Falcons to an NFC Championship, joining his Atlanta players in doing “The Dirty Bird” on stage to celebrate their Super Bowl XXXIII berth in January 1999. His Broncos lost their first of three Super Bowl berths during his tenure in January 1987 to Bill Parcells'

Giants, 36-20. Reeves later became the Giants' head coach and earned his first of two AP Coach of the Year honors in 1993, his first of four seasons in New York. Reeves (1993-96) and Jim Fassel (1997-2003) coached the Giants consecutively, and now sadly, both have died in the past seven months. Fassel died of a heart attack while under sedation at the age of 71 on June 7, 2021.

Reeves is the third former Giants head coach to pass away in a little more than a year, including Ray Perkins (1979-82), who battled heart issues before dying on Dec. 9, 2020. “He was a great coach, great man,” said former running back Rodney Hampton, who rushed for 4,161 yards in four seasons under Reeves. “He's going to be truly missed... He was a teacher, too. He taught us

how to be men.” Reeves' 190 career regular season wins are only three behind late Pittsburgh Steelers legend Chuck Noll. Reeves compiled a 190-165-2 (.535) career head coaching record in 12 seasons leading the Broncos (1981-92), four with the Giants (1993-96) and seven with the Falcons (1997-2003). He was either de facto GM or had personnel power throughout his time

in Atlanta, his final stop. Born in Rome, Ga., Reeves played quarterback in college at South Carolina (1962-64) before playing halfback for the Cowboys for eight seasons (1965-72). He rushed for 1,990 yards and 25 TDs and made 129 catches for 1,693 receiving yards and 17 TDs through the air. Dallas reached two Super Bowls and won its first at Super Bowl VI in 1972 over the Dolphins.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB	
Brooklyn	23	10	.697	—	
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	5	
Boston	17	19	.472	7 ½	
New York	17	19	.472	7 ½	
Toronto	15	17	.469	7 ½	

SOUTHEAST					
	W	L	PCT	GB	
Miami	23	13	.639	—	
Charlotte	19	17	.528	4	
Washington	18	18	.500	5	
Atlanta	16	19	.457	6 ½	
Orlando	7	29	.194	16	

CENTRAL					
	W	L	PCT	GB	
Chicago	24	10	.706	—	
Milwaukee	25	13	.658	1	
Cleveland	20	16	.556	5	
Indiana	14	22	.389	11	
Detroit	5	28	.152	18 ½	

WESTERN CONFERENCE					
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB	
Memphis	23	14	.622	—	
Dallas	17	18	.486	5	
San Antonio	14	20	.412	7 ½	
New Orleans	13	23	.361	9 ½	
Houston	10	26	.278	12 ½	

NORTHWEST					
	W	L	PCT	GB	
Utah	26	9	.743	—	
Denver	17	16	.515	8	
Minnesota	16	19	.457	10	
Oklahoma City	13	22	.371	13	
Portland	13	22	.371	13	

PACIFIC					
	W	L	PCT	GB	
Golden State	27	7	.794	—	
Phoenix	27	8	.771	½	
L.A. Clippers	18	18	.500	10	
L.A. Lakers	18	19	.486	10 ½	
Sacramento	15	22	.405	13 ½	

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Milwaukee 136, New Orleans 113
Chicago 120, Washington 119
San Antonio at Detroit, late
L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn, late
Denver at Houston, late
Golden State at Utah, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
New York at Toronto, 3:30p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 6p.m.
Miami at Sacramento, 6p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 6p.m.
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7p.m.
Phoenix at Charlotte, 7p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Charlotte at Washington, 7p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Memphis at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 8p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Atlanta at Portland, 10p.m.
Miami at Golden State, 10p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Memphis at Cleveland, 7p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 7p.m.
Indiana at New York, 7:30p.m.
Phoenix at New Orleans, 8p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 123, Phoenix 108
Chicago 108, Indiana 106
Dallas 112, Sacramento 96
Miami 120, Houston 110
Toronto 116, L.A. Clippers 108
Atlanta 121, Cleveland 118
Oklahoma City 95, New York 80
Memphis 118, San Antonio 105
Utah 120, Minnesota 108
L.A. Lakers 139, Portland 106

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Tampa Bay	33	21	7	5	47	109	97		
Florida	32	17	4	16	122	95			
Toronto	31	21	8	2	44	104	76		
Detroit	32	15	14	3	33	89	107		
Boston	27	15	10	2	32	75	72		
Buffalo	30	13	17	6	26	89	116		
Citawa	29	9	18	2	20	79	107		
Montreal	34	7	23	4	18	73	123		
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Carolina	31	23	7	1	47	106	66		
Washington	33	20	8	7	47	116	85		
N.Y. Rangers	32	20	6	4	44	93	84		
Pittsburgh	30	17	8	5	39	91	76		
Philadelphia	31	13	12	6	32	82	100		
Columbus	30	15	14	1	31	99	105		
New Jersey	32	12	15	5	29	92	113		
N.Y. Islanders	28	10	12	6	26	64	80		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Nashville	33	20	11	2	42	101	89		
St. Louis	32	18	9	5	41	110	87		
Minnesota	30	19	9	2	40	112	92		
Colorado	27	17	8	2	36	115	91		
Winnipeg	30	14	11	5	33	90	87		
Dallas	29	15	12	2	32	82	85		
Chicago	31	11	16	4	26	73	103		
Arizona	30	6	21	3	15	63	117		
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Vegas	34	22	12	0	44	123	102		
Anaheim	34	17	10	7	41	105	94		
Calgary	29	16	7	6	38	93	66		
Edmonton	32	18	12	2	38	110	103		
San Jose	32	17	14	1	35	89	94		
Los Angeles	32	15	12	5	35	85	86		
Vancouver	33	15	13	3	33	84	93		
Seattle	32	10	18	4	24	90	117		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Florida 5, Montreal 2
Carolina 7, Columbus 4
Boston 4, Buffalo 3(OT)
N.Y. Islanders 3, Edmonton 2(OT)
Nashville 6, Chicago 1
Toronto 6, Ottawa 0
St. Louis vs. Minnesota, late
Vancouver at Seattle, late
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 1p.m.
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 1p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 3p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 3p.m.
Winnipeg at Vegas, 4p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 7p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, ppd

MONDAY'S GAMES
Edmonton at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.
Carolina at Toronto, ppd
Minnesota at Ottawa, ppd

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
New Jersey 6, Edmonton 5(OT)
Vegas 3, Anaheim 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Tampa Bay 3(SO)
Washington 3, Detroit 1
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, ppd
Colorado at Dallas, ppd
Winnipeg at Calgary, ppd

NHL WINTER CLASSIC HISTORY
2022: St. Louis vs. Minnesota
Target Field, Minneapolis
2021: St. Louis vs. Minnesota, ppd.
Target Field, Minneapolis
2020: Dallas 4, Nashville 2
Cotton Bowl, Dallas (85,630)
2019: Boston 4, Chicago 2
Notre Dame (Ind.) Stadium (76,126)
2018: N.Y. Rangers 3, Buffalo 2 (OT)
Citi Field, Queens, N.Y. (41,821)
2017: Chicago 4, St. Louis 1
Busch Stadium, St. Louis, Mo. (46,556)
2016: Montreal 5, Boston 1; Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, MA (67,246)
2015: Washington 3, Chicago 2
National's Pk., Washington, D.C. (42,832)
2014: Toronto 3, Detroit 2 (SO)
(Ann Arbor) Michigan Stadium (105,491)
2013: Toronto vs. Detroit, ppd, lockout
(Ann Arbor) Michigan Stadium
2012: N.Y. Rangers 3, Philadelphia 2
Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia (46,967)
2011: Washington 3, Pittsburgh 1
Heinz Field, Pittsburgh (68,111)
2010: Boston 2, Philadelphia 1 (OT)
Fenway Park, Boston (38,112)
2009: Detroit 6, Chicago 4
Wrigley Field, Chicago (40,818)
2008: Pittsburgh 2, Buffalo 1 (SO); Ralph Wilson Stadium, Orchard Park, NY (71,217)

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Buffalo	9	6	0	.600	427	264			
New England	9	6	0	.600	388	260			
Miami	8	7	0	.533	305	315			
e-N.Y. Jets	4	11	0	.267	276	449			
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Tennessee	10	5	0	.667	357	326			
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	420	316			
e-Houston	4	11	0	.267	248	401			
e-Jacksonville	2	13	0	.133	217	396			
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
Cincinnati	9	6	0	.600	410	324			
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	355	356			
Pittsburgh	7	7	1	.500	301	371			
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	314	329			
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
y-Kansas City	11	4	0	.733	421	306			
L.A. Chargers	8	7	0	.533	408	411			
Las Vegas	8	7	0	.533	316	387			
Denver	7	8	0	.467	298	260			

NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	457	307			
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533	398	318			
Washington	6	9	0	.400	297	407			
e-N.Y. Giants	4	11	0	.267	248	365			
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
y-Tampa Bay	11	4	0	.733	442	312			
Atlanta	7	8	0	.467	278	400			
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	316	305			
e-Carolina	5	10	0	.333	277	345			
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
y-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	383	324			
Minnesota	7	8	0	.467	384	372			
e-Chicago	5	10	0	.333	265	373			
e-Detroit	2	12	1	.167	259	386			
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA			
x-L.A. Rams	11	4	0	.733	416	326			
x-Arizona	10	5	0	.667	394	306			
San Francisco	8	7	0	.533	377	334			
e-Seattle	5	10	0	.333	306	307			

e-Eliminated from playoffs
x-clinched playoff berth, y-division

WEEK 17
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Buffalo, 1p.m.
Jacksonville at New England, 1p.m.
Kansas City at Cincinnati, 1p.m.
L.A. Rams at Baltimore, 1p.m.
Las Vegas at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
Miami at Tennessee, 1p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 1p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m.
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 4:05p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 4:05p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 4:25p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 4:25p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 4:25p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:20p.m.
MONDAY'S GAME
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:15p.m.

WEEK 18
SUNDAY, JAN. 9
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1p.m.
New England at Miami, 1p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 1p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 1p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Las Vegas, 4:25p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 4:25p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 4:25p.m.
End of regular season

AFC INDIVIDUAL LEADERS					
PASSING	ATT/COM	YDS	TD	INT	
Herbert, LAC	577	387	4394	33	14
Carr, Las	559	384	4363	20	12
Mahomes, KC	579	383	4310	30	13
Burrow, Cin	481	336	4165	30	14
Allen, Buf	575	374	4048	34	12
Rthlsbrg, Pit	515	336	3373	20	8
Tannehill, Ten	481	321	3327	15	14
M.Jones, NE	461	310	3313	18	12
Wentz, Ind	460	289	3230	25	6
Lawrence, Jac	543	319	3225	9	14

RUSHERS	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Taylor, Ind	297	1626	5.5	83	17
Mixon, Cin	280	1159	4.1	32	13
Chubb, Cle	207	1143	5.5	70	8
Harris, Pit	268	984	3.7	23	6
Henry, Ten	219	937	4.3	76	10
Harris, NE	182	857	4.7	64	12
J.Williams, Den	177	827	4.7	49	4
Ekeler, LAC	173	789	4.6	28	10
L.Jackson, Bal	133	767	5.8	31	2
J.Robinson, Jac	164	767	4.7	58	8

RECEIVERS	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Hill, KC	104	1197	11.5	75t	9
Andrews, Bal	93	1187	12.8	43	9
Chase, Cin	68	1163	17.1	82t	10
Diggs, Buf	89	1092	12.3	61	9
D.Johnson, Pit	92	1079	11.7	50t	7
Kelce, KC	83	1066	12.8	69	7
Allen, LAC	96	1042	10.9	42	5
Higgins, Cin	71	1029	14.5	54	6
Pittman, Ind	76	971	12.8	57	5
Williams, LAC	64	964	15.1	72t	7

TD SCORING	TD	RUN	REC	RET	PTS
Taylor, Ind	19	17	2	0	114
Ekeler, LAC	17	10	7	0	102
Mixon, Cin	16	13	3	0	96
Harris, NE	12	12	0	0	72
Chase, Cin	10	0	10	0	60
Henry, Ten	10	10	0	0	60

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Friday: at Villanova, 7 p.m., SNY

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday: at Seton Hall, noon, FOX

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**VILLANOVA 73,
SETON HALL 67**

Wildcats top gutsy Pirates

Associated Press

Justin Moore hit a go-ahead jumper with 1:36 to play and No. 22 Villanova posted a tough 73-67 victory over short-handed but gutsy No. 15 Seton Hall on Saturday at Newark, N.J.

Collin Gillespie scored 21 points, Brandon Slater added 17, and Moore had 13 for the Wildcats (9-4, 2-1 Big East). Jermaine Samuels added 11 points and 11 rebounds for Villanova, which dominated the boards 42-28 with Seton Hall missing two key big men because of COVID-19.

Backup guard Bryce Aiken had 22 points to lead Seton Hall, which has lost the last two games playing with only eight players because of COVID-19 issues. Jared Rhoden added 13 and Jamir Harris had 12, all on 3-points, for Pirates (9-3, 0-2).

Seton Hall had three players foul out with Myles Cale picking up his fifth foul and joining Alexis Yetna and Tray Jackson on the bench with less than a second to play. Yetna had 10 points and eight rebounds.

Providence 70, DePaul 53: At Chicago, Aljami Durham scored 17 points and No. 21 Providence beat DePaul. The Friars (13-1, 3-0 Big East), off to their best start since the 2015-16 team won 14 of its first 15, grabbed a 25-point halftime lead on the way to their eighth straight win.

Justin Minaya and Jared Bynum each scored 12 points. Minaya grabbed a season-high 11 rebounds, and Bynum had seven assists. The Friars made 8 of 15 3-pointers, and coach Ed Cooley earned his 299th win over 16 seasons at Fairfield and Providence.

Creighton 75, Marquette 69: At Milwaukee, Ryan Hawkins hit a 3-pointer with 1:55 remaining in double overtime to give Creighton the lead en route to a Big East win. Rati Andronikashvili followed the key score with a layup to help secure the win for the Bluejays.

REGIONAL DIGEST

Hartford conference games postponed

The America East Conference has postponed the Hartford men's basketball team's first two conference games due to COVID-19 issues within the Hawks' program. Hartford was scheduled to open the league season on Sunday at home against Stony Brook and then play at Maine on Thursday. Both games have been postponed and efforts will be made to reschedule. Hartford (2-10) has not played since a win at Sacred Heart on Dec. 28 and is now scheduled to next play on Saturday in a conference game vs. Vermont. ... Yale announced that Sunday's men's basketball game home against Columbia has been cancelled due to COVID issues. It was the Ivy League opener for the 6-8 Bulldogs. The game will be rescheduled.

AHL to extend season by week

The Board of Governors announced that the AHL season will be extended by six days to help deal with the many COVID-related cancellations the league has faced. The regular season is now set to conclude on April 30 and the Calder Cup playoffs should finish before June 30. "Nearly all of our 31 teams have seen their schedules impacted," AHL President and CEO Scott Howson said in a statement. "Adding time to the end of the regular season will give our clubs more opportunities to reschedule these games." — *Staff reports*

BRUINS 4, SABRES 3 OT



Bruins center Charlie Coyle, right, and Sabres center Peyton Krebs compete for the puck during the third period Saturday night in Boston. **MARY SCHWALM/AP**

Coyle caps comeback

Goal 34 seconds into extra period caps off rally from 3-1 deficit

Associated Press

BOSTON — Charlie Coyle scored on a wrist shot from the slot 34 seconds into overtime and Boston completed a 4-3 comeback victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Saturday in the Bruins' first game in 16 days.

Playing for the first time since Dec. 16 after six of their games were postponed due to the NHL's COVID-19 protocols and a league shutdown, the Bruins erased a 3-1 deficit when Nick Foligno and Taylor Hall scored early in the third period.

Craig Smith also scored for Boston, and Linus Ullmark stopped 21 shots. The Bruins outshot the Sabres 41-24 to snap a two-game losing streak.

Jeff Skinner and Vinnie Hinostroza both returned from COVID-19 protocols and each had a goal for Buffalo. Alex Tuch added a power-play score and Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen made 37 saves for the Sabres, who have lost their last three games. Buffalo has dropped 10 of its last 11 against Boston (1-9-1).

Also returning from protocol and back behind the bench was Sabres coach Don Granato.

Trailing 3-1, Foligno lifted a backhander over Luukkonen for his first goal of the season. He looked toward the ceiling in jubilation after finally scoring.

Former Sabre Hall tied it with a wrist from the slot.

Skinner rushed in for a rebound and slipped it by Ullmark's glove, giving Buffalo a 2-1 lead midway of the second period. Tuch's first goal of the season made it 3-1 in the closing minute of the second, sending the Bruins to the dressing room at the end of the period to a smattering of boos.

Hinostroza's goal had made it 1-0 just 6:33 into the game.

Buffalo kept Boston off the scoreboard despite committing a penalty in the opening minute of the first and second periods until Smith tied it by knocking in a rebound as he was falling to the ice.

RANGERS

Shootout win over one of NHL's best

By Colin Stephenson
Newsday

Barclay Goodrow put it out there after the Rangers had closed out 2021 with a thrilling and satisfying 4-3 shootout win over the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning: If the no-longer-rebuilding Blueshirts want to be considered one of the top teams in the NHL, then it was time for them to actually beat one of the top teams in the NHL.

And yes, it was a shootout win, and the Lightning was playing the second night of a back-to-back, and they were without their No. 1 goalie, Andrei Vasilevskiy, who was in COVID protocol. But the Rangers were still pretty pleased with getting two

points from the team that was the co-leader in overall points.

"If we want to be in the conversation with the top teams in the league... then we need to start beating those teams," he said, after his two-goal performance in his first return to Tampa Bay since the Lightning traded him to the Rangers in July. "We've fared pretty well against teams that are out of a playoff spot, or below us in the standings. But against teams that are above us, or considered one of the top teams, we haven't fared so well."

In compiling their 20-8-4 record, the Rangers are 14-0-1 against Columbus, Montreal, Ottawa, Seattle, Vancouver, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Chicago, Arizona, the Devils and Islanders, who on New Year's Day had

a combined record of 102-150-34 (a .416 points percentage). That left them 6-8-3 against everyone else, including being swept in two games each by Calgary and Colorado.

But they are 1-1 against Toronto, Nashville and Florida, and now they are 1-0 against Tampa Bay, whom they play again Sunday afternoon at Madison Square Garden.

"We've said it, you've got to beat teams like this to be a good team," Adam Fox said after Friday's game. "I think we're learning to do that. Obviously, you want to hold leads when you have them — we haven't done the best job of that recently — but I think it's still a learning curve. And games like these definitely help with that learning."

Rose

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Ohio State trailed 38-31 entering the fourth quarter despite the pyrotechnics of its passing game, but the Buckeyes immediately stopped Utah on downs at the Ohio State 31, and tied it on Harrison's 5-yard TD catch with 10:12 left.

Rising was injured moments later while getting sacked, the Utes had to turn to Bryson Barnes, who had never thrown a collegiate pass.

Smith-Njigba then made a 30-yard, over-the-shoulder catch for his third touchdown with 4:22 to play, but Barnes improbably led the Utes on a tying drive

capped by a 15-yard TD pass to Dalton Kincaid with 1:54 left.

But Stroud coolly led the Buckeyes back downfield in the waning seconds, and Ruggles hit his easy field goal.

Ohio State kicked off to Britain Covey, who already had a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown earlier, but the Buckeyes smothered his cutback as time ran out.

Rising passed for 214 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 92 yards and a score, but he left the game with an apparent head injury after getting sacked.

With two top Buckeyes receivers opting out of the Rose Bowl, Smith-Njigba had a spectacular day that included TD receptions of 50 and 52 yards made 30 seconds apart — albeit with

Covey's TD return in between.

He broke Cris Carter's 1985 school record of 172 yards receiving in a bowl game in the first half alone.

He snapped Keyshawn Johnson's 1996 Rose Bowl record of 216 yards receiving and then Terry Glenn's 1995 single-game school record of 253 yards after halftime.

When Utah led 35-21 at halftime, the schools matched the 2012 Oregon-Wisconsin matchup for the highest-scoring half in Rose Bowl history — and they combined for 42 points and 443 yards in the second quarter alone.

The 24-year-old Covey's sensational 97-yard romp through the Buckeyes in the second quarter

KNICKS

Walker, Robinson out versus Raptors

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

Kemba Walker's balky knee is an issue again.

The point guard will miss his second straight game after "something didn't feel right" with his arthritic left knee during warmups in Oklahoma City on Friday. Tom Thibodeau said Walker would undergo further evaluations, and there was no further update other than Walker being out for Sunday's contest in Toronto.

Walker's All-Star career was derailed by the knee pain, which prompted the Celtics to rest him on back-to-backs last season. The 31-year-old is dictating his own rest schedule with the Knicks, but was removed from the rotation after sitting on the second game of a back-to-back on Nov. 27.

Injuries and COVID-19 protocols forced Walker back into the starting lineup, and he logged heavy minutes for six straight games before the knee pain resurfaced. For perspective, Walker played over 40 minutes just once in the previous two seasons. He did it twice in a row on Dec. 23 and Dec. 25 with the Knicks.

And over a five-game stretch after returning to the lineup, Walker averaged 38.8 minutes. By his sixth game — which was the second of a back-to-back — Walker managed just two points in 20 minutes. Then his knee flared up.

"He started his warm-up, and then he stopped," Thibodeau said after Walker was a late-scratcher for Friday's blowout loss against the Thunder. "And then (trainer) Anthony (Goenaga) was looking at him and just felt, let's get him examined. And then we'll go from there."

The Knicks (17-19) understood the risks of Walker's knee before signing him to a two-year, \$18 million deal, but also believed they could ease his burden by splitting time with Derrick Rose.

Rose, however, is out for over a month after undergoing ankle surgery, and Walker's issue won't disappear. The Nets are dealing with a similar situation with power forward Blake Griffin, whose knee pain diminished his athleticism and remains a constant concern.

There's also the uncertainty of these Omicron times.

Walker and Rose are part of eight Knicks already listed as out for Sunday, with Mitchell Robinson becoming the latest to enter health and safety protocols.

The center expressed dismay that he tested positive for COVID-19 considering his insulated lifestyle.

"That's some bs," Robinson tweeted Saturday. "Like I don't even do anything but gym and play Fortnite."

was the first kickoff return for a touchdown in Utah's entire bowl history. Covey, who also caught a 19-yard TD pass for the Utes' first points, arrived at the school in 2015.

A sellout crowd dominated by Utah fans created a crackling atmosphere in the venerable stadium that opened in October 1922.

With the anticlimactic nature of this Rose Bowl for the Buckeyes, whose loss to Michigan in November knocked them out of the national title picture, four key starters opted out to preserve their health for the NFL draft: Receivers Chris Olave and Garrett Wilson, starting left tackle Nicholas Petit-Frere and defensive tackle Haskell Garrett.

Safety Tip of the Day

Slowing your speed slightly is one of the best ways to avoid head-on collisions, especially at night when your distance vision is limited by your headlights.

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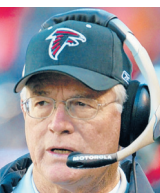
NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

NBA calls up another G League ref

Another G League referee was called up by the NBA to work a game on Saturday as the league continued finding ways to play through the latest coronavirus outbreak. Sha'Rae Mitchell was assigned the Spurs-Pistons game. She becomes the fourth G League referee called up in a span of two days — three others worked games on Friday — and is now the 15th woman in league history picked to work a regular-season game. Mitchell has worked in the G League since 2018. Her call-up comes as the NBA's referee corps continues dealing with several officials who have either virus-related issues or injuries. So the refs, like most teams, have looked to the G League for help. NBA teams saw 544 players get into at least one game in December alone, the most for any month — and any previous season — in league history. The single-season mark entering this year was 540, set last season; the NBA's total this season entering Saturday was 567. The league has had 11 head coaches in protocols at times this season, with the latest entry coming Saturday when the Hawks' Nate McMillan joined the list. He's the eighth head coach currently in protocols. Lakers coach Frank Vogel rejoined his team Friday after a six-game absence.

Longtime NFL coach Reeves dies



Dan Reeves' talents off the field were recognized early on by Tom Landry. Reeves was still suiting up for the Cowboys when Landry made him a player-coach. At 37, Reeves landed his first head coaching job, pulled off a trade to acquire John Elway, and built the Broncos into a powerhouse that reached the Super Bowl three times in a four-year span. At the final stop of nearly four uninterrupted decades in the NFL, Reeves guided the Falcons to their first Super Bowl. The only blemish on his record: four blowout losses in the big game. Reeves, who did win a ring as a player with the Cowboys but will be remembered mostly for a long, largely successful coaching career marred by those four defeats, died Saturday of complications from dementia. He was 77. Reeves was a versatile running back who played a key role in the Cowboys becoming an NFL powerhouse in the 1960s. But his own coaching career — three teams and 23 seasons — is where he truly left his mark. Including a stint with the Giants, Reeves totaled 190 regular-season coaching victories — ninth most in NFL history.

No. 1 Baylor wins top 10 battle vs. ISU



Baylor has a new cast of players, but its depth and defense showed up as usual in one of the most anticipated games of the season so far. James Akinjo scored 16 points, LJ Cryer, pictured, had 10 of his 13 in the second half, and the top-ranked Bears beat No. 8 Iowa State 77-72 on Saturday for the Cyclones' first loss. Baylor (13-0, 1-0 Big 12) never trailed in only the fourth Division I matchup of 12-0 teams in 40 years and the first game between top-10 teams at Hilton Coliseum since 2014. The defending national champions got the tough game they expected and had to overcome 19 turnovers and foul trouble. "First and foremost, it shows we have a great rotation," coach Scott Drew said. "Different people stepped up at different times, and you need that because not everybody has great shooting nights and great games." The defending national champion Bears extended their win streak to 19 games and are among three remaining unbeaten teams. Tristan Enaruna scored a career-high 23 points for the Cyclones (12-1, 0-1), who were off to the second-best start in program history. —Associated Press



Alabama is looking for its seventh national championship in the past 13 years. CARMEN MANDATO/GETTY

CFP CHAMPIONSHIP

Repeat vs. revenge

Alabama and Georgia meet again with title on the line

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Alabama has a chance to repeat. Georgia has a chance for revenge. The rematch is set, and it will decide the College Football Playoff national championship. After a pair of easy wins in the semifinals on Friday night, the Crimson Tide and the Bulldogs — the only two teams to be ranked No. 1 in the AP Top 25 this season — will meet again to decide the title on Jan. 10 in Indianapolis. Alabama will be seeking a seventh national championship in the last 13 years under coach Nick Saban. Georgia is playing with hopes of claiming its first national title since Herschel Walker led the Bulldogs to the title in the 1980 season. "I think we're good enough," Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett said in the din of the Orange Bowl postgame celebration. "Obviously, they're a great team. But we're going to enjoy this one tonight and start preparing for them tomorrow." This matchup comes after Alabama — big underdogs entering that game — had little trouble in what became a 41-24 win over Georgia in the SEC championship game back on Dec. 4, costing the Bulldogs a chance at an undefeated season and giving the defending national champion Crimson Tide a trip back into the playoff mix. Alabama needed that win. Weirdly, Georgia felt it needed that loss. "For our team, it was a wake-up

call," Georgia offensive lineman Jamae Salyer said that night. "I think we needed one. We got a wake-up call from a really good team. If we get a chance in the playoffs, I think that wake-up call will help propel us forward." Oh, the Bulldogs were awake on Friday night. They blew out Michigan 34-11 in the Orange Bowl, taking the field not long after Alabama had little trouble dismissing Cincinnati 27-6 in the other CFP semifinal at the Cotton Bowl. "To have another opportunity to play for a national championship ... it's like a dream come true," Alabama running back Brian Robinson Jr. said after the Cotton Bowl. Predictably, the Tide didn't do much talking about Georgia following their win. Most teams would never go down that road, talking about an opponent in tournament play before the next matchup is actually set. But Georgia, playing the later game on Friday, probably could have let Alabama begin entering its thoughts probably somewhere around halftime when the Bulldogs had a 27-3 lead over the Wolverines. "We've got a lot of things to fix," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said after the Orange Bowl. "We got to fix some of them over the break. They got about a five-, six-hour head start on us." With all due respect to Michigan, by then, it was clear: The All-SEC rematch was happening. The first CFP title game saw Ohio State defeating Oregon. All seven editions since have featured at least one SEC team — Alabama six times, LSU once and now Georgia twice.

"Well, the team has an opportunity to win the national championship," Saban said Saturday in an appearance on ESPN's "College GameDay." "So you expect to play a good team. We're still probably going to be underdogs in the game, I would assume." Alabama has gone 3-2 in its previous CFP title game appearances, alternating wins and losses every time. Nobody in the CFP era has won back-to-back titles; Alabama is 0-2 in its opportunities to do so, and Clemson also lost when it had a bid for consecutive CFP crowns. Georgia can only hope that trend continues. Not only is this an SEC title game rematch, but it's also a rematch of the best — or at least, closest and arguably most dramatic — title game of the CFP era, now in its eighth season. Alabama and Georgia played for the CFP crown in Atlanta to close the 2017 campaign. Georgia led 13-0 at the half, but Tua Tagovailoa came off the bench and threw a game-ending 41-yard touchdown pass to DeVonta Smith that capped the Tide's 26-23 overtime win. The title game has been nothing but routs since: Clemson beating Alabama 44-16, LSU beating Clemson 44-25, Alabama beating Ohio State 52-24. Odds makers don't expect a blowout this time around: Georgia was quickly established as a 2 1/2 point favorite over Alabama by FanDuel Sportsbook. "We think we play in the greatest conference in the world," Smart said. "We've got an opportunity to play a really good football team in Indianapolis." And it makes tons of sense that these are the last two teams standing.

NFL PREDICTIONS

Week 17

By Sam Farmer | Los Angeles Times

Last week's record: 13-3. Season: 153-86-1.



Rams (11-4) at Ravens (8-7)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Rams by 6. O/U: 46. The Ravens are banged up, and Lamar Jackson is still limping on that bum ankle. Not good for outrunning Aaron Donald. **Rams 30, Ravens 21**



Giants (4-11) at Bears (5-10)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Bears by 6. O/U: 36 1/2. The Bears should be able to run on the Giants, whose defense should hang in but ultimately buckle. **Bears 24, Giants 10**



Chiefs (11-4) at Bengals (9-6)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Chiefs by 4 1/2. O/U: 51. Kansas City has won eight in a row and scored 48, 34 and 36 in the last three, so ... **Chiefs 28, Bengals 24**



Jaguars (2-13) at Patriots (9-6)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Patriots by 16 1/2. O/U: 41 1/2. Bill Belichick doesn't get embarrassed often, and it has happened two weeks in row. **Patriots 35, Jaguars 9**



Dolphins (8-7) at Titans (10-5)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Titans by 3 1/2. O/U: 39 1/2. Not entirely sold on Tennessee, which had lost three of four until San Francisco folded last weekend. **Dolphins 23, Titans 18**



Raiders (8-7) at Colts (9-6)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Colts by 7 1/2. O/U: 45 1/2. The Raiders have beaten teams by rushing four and dropping seven. The Colts can make you pay for that with the way they run Jonathan Taylor. **Colts 24, Raiders 21**



Falcons (7-8) at Bills (9-6)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Bills by 14 1/2. O/U: 44. Buffalo should be able to pass on Atlanta and, on the other side of the ball, turn up the heat with a pass rush. **Bills 30, Falcons 18**



Eagles (8-7) at Washington (6-9)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Eagles by 4 1/2. O/U: 44 1/2. Philadelphia has won five of six, including beating Washington two weeks ago. **Eagles 27, Washington 21**



Buccaneers (11-4) at Jets (4-11)
Sunday, 1 p.m. Line: Buccaneers by 13. O/U: 45 1/2. Tom Brady still wants to win the passing title, the touchdown title ... all the titles on his way back to a Super Bowl. **Buccaneers 33, Jets 13**



Broncos (7-8) at Chargers (8-7)
Sunday, 4:05 p.m. Line: Chargers by 7 1/2. O/U: 45. Austin Ekeler and Joey Bosa are back. Broncos were held to 13 or fewer points in three of last four games. **Chargers 24, Broncos 20**



Texans (4-11) at 49ers (8-7)
Sunday, 4:05 p.m. Line: 49ers by 12 1/2. O/U: 44. Another opponent might be able to take advantage of some subpar corner play with the 49ers, but the Texans aren't really equipped. **49ers 27, Texans 16**



Cardinals (10-5) at Cowboys (11-4)
Sunday, 4:25 p.m. Line: Cowboys by 5 1/2. O/U: 51 1/2. Everything is crumbling for Arizona, which has lost three in a row and really misses DeAndre Hopkins. **Cowboys 30, Cardinals 20**



Panthers (5-10) at Saints (7-8)
Sunday, 4:25 p.m. Line: Saints by 6 1/2. O/U: 37 1/2. Carolina's offensive line is terrible, and whoever is at quarterback is going to run around and hold the ball too long. The Saints' front four will have a big day, and Alvin Kamara will get the ball in space. **Saints 21, Panthers 13**



Lions (2-12-1) at Seahawks (5-10)
Sunday, 4:25 p.m. Line: Seahawks by 7 1/2. O/U: 41 1/2. Seattle has all sorts of issues but should be able to protect home field against feisty Detroit. **Seahawks 27, Lions 23**






Vikings (7-8) at Packers (12-3)
Sunday, 8:20 p.m. Line: Packers by 13 1/2. O/U: 42 1/2. The Vikings beat the Packers in Minnesota in November, so a sweep would be something. But it's unlikely to happen with Aaron Rodgers playing at home on national TV. **Packers 28, Vikings 24**



Browns (7-8) at Steelers (7-7-1)
Monday, 8:15 p.m. Line: Browns by 3 1/2. O/U: 41. With Nick Chubb running the ball, Browns should be able to handle the Steelers, who are typically good on national stage, but ... **Browns 24, Steelers 20**

WEATHER

SUNDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Areas of morning fog, mostly cloudy, remaining mild. Northwest wind at 10 to 15 mph.

HIGH 50°
LOW 23°

MONDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Morning clouds, some afternoon sunshine developing, very breezy and much colder.

HIGH 31°
LOW 20°

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and breezy.

HIGH 37°
LOW 28°

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly cloudy, chance for a shower.

HIGH 46°
LOW 32°

THURSDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine, colder.

HIGH 41°
LOW 28°

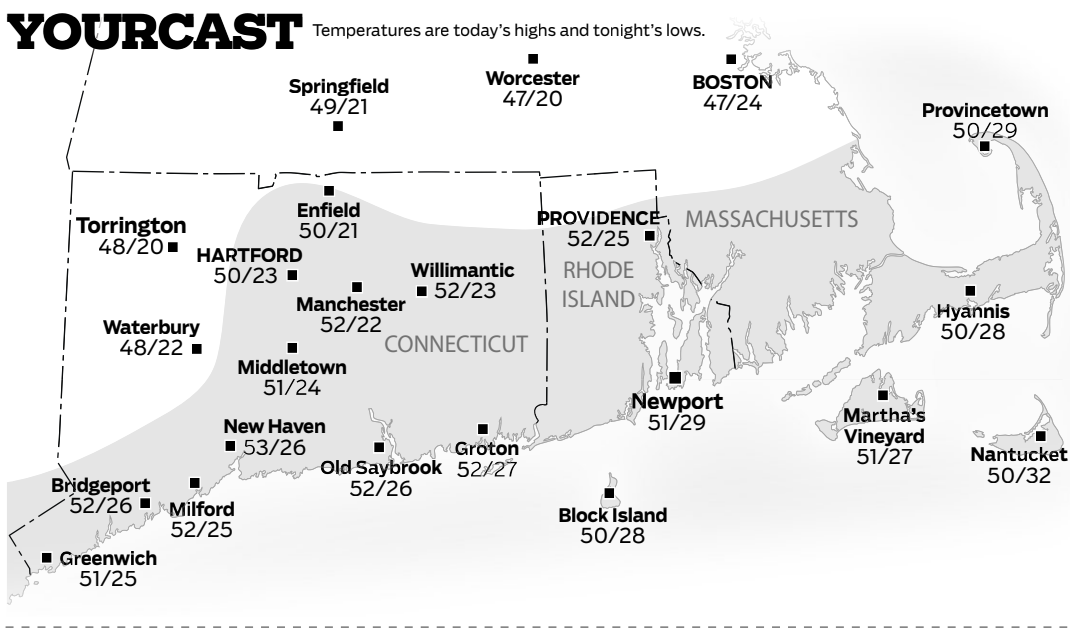
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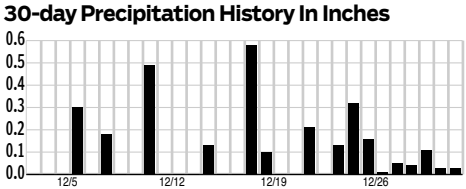
A look back at the weather for 2021 in the Greater Hartford area shows just what one typically expects during global warming, above normal temperatures and precipitation. The mean temperature was 52.7 degrees or 1.6 degrees above normal. It was the fifth warmest on record. The warmest year on record was 53.7 degrees set in 2012. There were 54.94 inches of precipitation compared to a normal of 47.05 inches. It was the 14th wettest year on record. Snowfall annually, not seasonal, was 30.1 inches or 21.6 inches below normal. The record is 102.6 inches in 1945.

-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.03 0.11
Month to date	0.03 0.11
Total this year	0.03 0.11
Snowfall In Inches	
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0 0.4
Total this year	4.2 12.6

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	8:25 a.m.	2:23 a.m.	44°
	8:51 p.m.	3:18 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	9:36 a.m.	3:16 a.m.	44°
	10:02 p.m.	4:11 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	a.m.	7:02 a.m.	
Madison	12:19 p.m.	7:57 p.m.	45°
	9:58 a.m.	3:38 a.m.	
New Haven	10:34 p.m.	4:23 p.m.	
	10:18 a.m.	4:02 a.m.	44°
	10:54 p.m.	4:47 p.m.	
Stamford	10:22 a.m.	4:16 a.m.	46°
	10:58 p.m.	5:01 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 5.53 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W AM Fog	L.I. Sound E AM Fog	B.I. Sound AM Fog
Wind	NW/W, 5-15	NW/W, 5-15	NW/W, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1-2 ft.	3-5 ft.

Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good 33

Low 0

Air Quality Today

Ultraviolet Index Today

Wind Chill Today

38°

Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:18 a.m.
Sunset	4:31 p.m.
Moonrise	7:27 a.m.
Moonset	4:19 p.m.

Moon Phase

New Jan 2

First Jan 9

Full Jan 17

Last Jan 25

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	30 10 SN
Burlington	23 7 SN
Caribou	19 4 SN
Concord	39 16 SH
Montpelier	27 3 SN
Mt. Wash.	28 -3 SN
Portland	39 17 SH
Woods Hole	50 28 C

NATION

Albany	39 19 SH
Albuquerque	37 19 PC
Atlantic City	63 33 SH

Baltimore	63 30 C
Bismarck	23 7 PC
Boise	27 18 PC
Buffalo	28 15 SN
Charleston	80 52 C
Cincinnati	39 20 C
Cleveland	33 19 SF
Columbus	34 17 C
Indianapolis	85 51 PC
Jacksonville	47 31 S
Las Vegas	83 68 PC
Miami Beach	22 6 PC
Milwaukee	22 6 PC
Nashville	45 26 SH
New Orleans	61 33 SH
New York	54 29 C
Oklahoma City	33 17 S
Omaha	24 10 S
Orlando	84 60 PC
Pittsburgh	40 20 SH
Raleigh	71 39 R
St. Louis	25 12 PC
Salt Lake City	30 17 PC
San Antonio	51 26 S
San Diego	64 46 PC

San Juan	83 73 PC
Tucson	57 36 S
World	
Amsterdam	55 45 R
Athens	63 41 S
Bangkok	88 72 S
Barbados	85 72 S
Beijing	36 19 C
Beirut	66 54 SH
Berlin	54 46 C
Bermuda	73 68 S
Budapest	51 38 C
Buenos Aires	93 70 T
Cairo	65 53 C
Cancun	85 69 S
Dubai	73 66 R
Dublin	52 34 SH
Edinburgh	51 45 SH
Helsinki	27 25 SF
Hong Kong	70 63 PC
Istanbul	54 43 R
Jerusalem	54 45 SH
Johannesburg	77 61 T
Kingston	88 75 PC
Lisbon	63 55 PC
London	55 48 SH
Madrid	61 39 PC
Mexico City	74 45 S
Milan	46 39 SH
Montreal	23 1 SN
Moscow	18 9 SN
Nassau	84 70 S
New Delhi	68 46 PC
New Orleans	55 50 SH
Paris	50 48 C
Prague	84 73 SH
Rio de Janeiro	54 46 PC
Rome	34 28 C
Seoul	88 73 T
Singapore	88 73 T
Stockholm	40 34 SH
Sydney	84 70 S
Tel Aviv	66 51 PC
Tokyo	46 34 PC
Toronto	23 10 SN
Vancouver	39 37 R
Warsaw	46 43 S

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

CENTRAL AT RUTGERS, LATE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UNION 67, EASTERN 50

MERRIMACK AT YALE, CANCELED

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

WISCONSIN 5, QUINNIPIAC 2

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Stony Brook at Hartford, 2p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Yale at Columbia, 1p.m.

Hartford at Stony Brook, 2p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY

UConn at Harvard, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Quinnipiac at Wisconsin, 2p.m.

UNE at Wesleyan, 4p.m.

AHL Standings

Atlantic	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Springfield	27	17	7	2	1	37	.685
Hartford	25	14	7	2	2	32	.640
Hershey	26	14	9	2	1	31	.596
Providence	24	12	8	3	1	28	.583
Charlotte	27	14	11	2	0	30	.556
Lehigh Valley	25	8	11	4	2	22	.440
W-B/Scranton	24	9	12	1	2	21	.438
Bridgeport	30	10	16	1	3	24	.400
North	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Utica	22	18	1	3	0	39	.886
Rochester	25	16	9	0	0	32	.640
Toronto	22	11	9	1	1	24	.545
Laval	24	12	10	2	0	26	.542
Bellefleur	24	10	8	3	3	26	.542
Belleville	23	11	12	0	0	22	.478
Syracuse	21	8	10	2	1	19	.452
Central	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Chicago	26	20	4	1	1	42	.808
Manitoba	25	15	9	1	0	31	.620
Iowa	25	11	10	2	2	26	.520
Grand Rapids	24	10	10	3	1	23	.500
Rockford	24	11	11	1	1	24	.500
Milwaukee	28	12	14	2	0	26	.464
Texas	23	8	11	3	0	20	.435
Pacific	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Stockton	24	18	3	2	1	39	.813
Ontario	23	14	6	2	1	31	.674
Henderson	23	13	7	2	1	29	.630
Tucson	21	10	9	2	0	22	.524
Abbotsford	22	10	9	2	1	23	.523
Colorado	28	12	11	3	2	29	.518
Bakersfield	20	8	1	3	0	20	.500
San Jose	25	11	13	1	0	23	.460
San Diego	22	9	12	1	0	19	.432

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS

LEHIGH VALLEY 6, UTICA 5 (OT)

GRAND RAPIDS 5, MILWAUKEE 4

HENDERSON 4, ONTARIO 1

SATURDAY'S

RESULTS

SPRINGFIELD 5, ROCHESTER 3
BELLEVILLE 2, TORONTO 1
BRIDGEPORT AT LEHIGH VALLEY, LATE
GRAND RAPIDS AT MILWAUKEE, LATE
BAKERSFIELD AT HENDERSON, LATE

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Rochester at Hartford, 3p.m.
Bridgeport at Hershey, 3p.m.
Iowa at Manitoba, 3p.m.
Springfield at Providence, 3p.m.
Stockton at San Jose, 4p.m.
Bakersfield at Ontario, 6p.m.
Big East basketball standings
MEN'S
Team CONF CPCT OVR PCT
Providence 3-0 1.000 13-1 .929
Creighton 2-0 1.000 10-3 .769
Butler 1-0 1.000 8-4 .667
Villanova 2-1 .667 9-4 .692
Xavier 1-1 .500 11-2 .846
UConn 1-1 .500 10-3 .769
St. John's 0-0 .000 8-3 .727
Georgetown 0-0 .000 6-5 .545
DePaul 0-2 .000 9-3 .750
Seton Hall 0-2 .000 9-3 .750
Marquette 0-3 .000 8-6 .571

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

CREIGHTON 75, MARQUETTE 69 (2OT)
VILLANOVA 73, SETON HALL 67
PROVIDENCE 70, DEPAUL 53

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Seton Hall at Butler, 8p.m.
Providence at Marquette, 9p.m.
WOMEN'S
Team CONF CPCT OVR PCT
DePaul 3-0 1.000 11-3 .786
Creighton 3-0 1.000 8-3 .727
UConn 1-0 1.000 6-3 .667
Marquette 2-1 .667 9-3 .750
Georgetown 1-1 .500 6-4 .600
St. John's 1-1 .500 5-7 .417
Villanova 1-2 .000 7-5 .583
Providence 1-2 .333 6-6 .500
Xavier 1-2 .000 6-6 .500
Seton Hall 1-3 .333 6-6 .500
Butler 0-3 .000 1-11 .083

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

St. John's at Villanova, noon
Creighton at Xavier, 2p.m.
Hockey East standings
MEN'S
Team OGP OVR CGP CONF CPTS
UMass Lowell 17 11-3-3 11 8-2-1 25
UMass 15-9-4 11 7-2-2 24
Northeastern 18-13-4 11 7-3-1 23
Providence 23 15-7-1 11 6-0-1 19
Boston College 18 10-5-3 10 5-3-2 19
Boston University 19 9-9-3 13 5-5-3 17
UConn 14 8-6-0 9 5-4-0 14
Merrimack 16 6-9-1 10 3-7-0 12
New Hampshire 19 8-10-1 11 3-7-1 9
Vermont 17 3-12-2 10 2-6-2 8
Maine 17 2-11-4 11 1-8-2 7
Friday's late result

Ledyard Bank Classic (Hanover, N.H.)
Boston College 6, Dartmouth 1
Sunday's schedule
Merrimack at Brown, 4p.m.
UConn at Harvard, 7p.m.
WOMEN'S
Team OGP OVR CGP CONF CPTS
Northeastern 19 16-2-1 14 11-2-1 35
Boston University 19 9-6-4 15 8-4-3 27
UConn 20 14-4-2 13 8-3-2 25
Boston College 18 10-8-0 13 8-5-0 21
Vermont 19 9-8-2 12 6-5-1 19
Providence 18 8-5-5 11 5-4-2 19
Maine 19 6-12-1 12 4-7-1 16
New Hampshire 19 6-11-2 13 4-8-1 15
Merrimack 20 5-14-1 15 4-10-1 15
Holy Cross 17 3-14-0 12 1-11-0 3
Saturday's result
Battle in the 'Burgh (Cranberry Town-ship, Pa.)
Boston University 3, Syracuse 3(OT)
Sunday's schedule
Maine at Vermont, 1p.m.
New Hampshire at Dartmouth, 2p.m.
Battle in the 'Burgh (Cranberry Town-ship, Pa.)
Boston University vs. TBD, time TBD
ECAC Hockey standings
MEN'S
Team OGP OVR CGP CONF CPTS
Cornell 11 9-1-1 8 6-1-1 18
Quinnipiac 18 14-1-3 6 5-0-1 17
Harvard 11 6-4-1 8 5-2-1 17
Clarkson 19 9-6-8 4 4-2-2 16
Rensselaer 22 9-11-2 8 4-4-0 12
St. Lawrence 17 5-8-4 8 3-3-2 12
Brown 13 3-10-9 3 6-0 10
Colgate 18 8-10-0 8 3-5-0 9
Union 17 5-9-3 8 3-4-1 8
Dartmouth 13 3-9-1 7 2-5-0 7
Princeton 13 3-9-1 6 2-4-0 7
Yale 12 3-9-0 8 2-6-0 5
Friday's late results
St. Lawrence 3, Nebraska-Omaha 2
Ledyard Bank Classic (Hanover, N.H.)
Boston College 6, Dartmouth 1
Saturday's results
Nebraska-Omaha at St. Lawrence, late
Cornell at Arizona State, late
Sunday's schedule
Rensselaer at Army, 2p.m.
Merrimack at Brown, 4p.m.
UConn at Harvard, 7p.m.
Cornell at Arizona State, 9p.m.
WOMEN'S
Team OGP OVR CGP CONF CPTS
Quinnipiac 18 15-1-2 8 7-1-0 21
Harvard 13 9-4-0 9 6-3-0 19
Clarkson 20 15-2-3 8 6-1-1 18.5
Princeton 14 6-5-3 8 5-2-1 16.5
Yale 14 10-3-1 8 5-2-1 16.5
Colgate 19 14-4-1 8 5-2-1 14.5
St. Lawrence 20 7-8-5 8 3-3-2 12
Rensselaer 19 6-13-0 10 3-7-0 11
Cornell 11 4-6-1 8 3-4-1 10.5
Dartmouth 15 7-8-0 9 2-7-0 6
Brown 15 1-12-2 8 1-6-1 4.5
Union 21 4-16-1 10 1-9-0 3
Saturday's results
Wisconsin 5, Quinnipiac 2
Minnesota-Duluth 4, Harvard 3
Sunday's schedule
New Hampshire at Dartmouth, 2p.m.
Quinnipiac at Wisconsin, 3p.m.



New Mets manager Buck Showalter answers questions during a virtual press conference where he was introduced as the new baseball team manager Dec. 21 in New York. **HONS/AP**

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contract, and then hiring the best free agent manager out there, Buck Showalter, one of the most popular managers that the Yankees ever had. This doesn't mean that Brian Cashman, the Yankees general manager, isn't going to make noise of his own when Major League Baseball is back open for business. Doesn't change the fact that the Yankees were in the postseason, if only as a wild card, in 2021 and the Mets sure were not.

But from the end of the '21 season until now, something quite, well, amazin' has happened: It is the Yankees who have felt like the Other Team in town.

It is the Mets who have made the headlines, both good and bad, just the way Steinbrenner used to, now that their new owner is in the process of turning himself into Boss Cohen. There was a time when it seemed that the ball would be dropping in Times Square before Cohen would be able to find somebody to be his new general manager. Then he hired another old Yankee, Billy Eppler, and Eppler hired an old Yankee in Buck, and now here we are.

And what is really happening, in plain sight, is that Cohen and the Mets are clearly trying to beat the Yankees at their own game, and beat them back to the World Series in the process. Now that is easier said than done, of course. If all it takes is money to win the Series, the Yankees would have a lot more than just the one they've won since 2000, a period in which they've spent more than four billion dollars on baseball players. So there are no guarantees for the Mets, who haven't won a Series since 1986 and have

only won two in their history.

Still: Even Yankee fans would have to admit it's going to be fun watching them try, after a brief offseason when Mets fans seemed to be the ones having all the fun. Whether that gets them back to the postseason, whether they're going to have enough to get past the world-champ Braves in the National League East, remains to be seen. Also part of the fun.

While Yankee fans wait to once again have their team feel like the biggest game in town, and also in the AL East, a division they've won once since 2012.

While they look at a team that still doesn't have a center fielder. Or a shortstop (are they really going to throw \$300 million at Carlos Correa, who has a history of back problems?). Or a catcher that their fans trust, and like. And an honest-to-God No. 2 starter behind Gerrit Cole, who only occasionally looked like a true No. 1 after umpires started doing stop-and-frisk with pitchers last season.

Even after in-season trades for Joey Gallo and Anthony Rizzo, the Yankees still do not have a legit left-handed power hitter in their lineup. The Yankees without one of those. At Yankee Stadium. You know the last time the Yankees had a championship team without a legit bat from that side of the plate?

Never is when.

When do the Yankees finally build on the surprise run that they made four years ago to the American League Championship Series before losing Games 6 and 7 to the Astros and scoring just one run in the process? Better yet: When do the Yankees become fun to watch again?

It's officially 2022 now. Wait 'till this year?



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If you're having trouble getting things done around the house, try re-imagining them as self-care opportunities rather than chores on a to-do list.

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SEE CLEANING IN A NEW LIGHT

Cross things off your to-do list easier and with less ambiguous goals with these tips

By Avery Newmark
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

A clean home is a happy home, but you don't have to stress yourself out with the thought of tidying up. Many people consider their homes to be like sanctuaries, places where they can truly be themselves and unwind. However, as beneficial as a clean home can be to your health, your sense of Zen is also dependent on your thoughts. Almost no one wants to spend all their time cleaning, and if you have unrealistic expectations about how your space should look at any given time, you won't be able to truly relax and enjoy. The first step toward a healthier home is to change how you think about your space and how you live in it. Here are a few simple but

important tips on how to change the way you think and talk about cleaning your home:

'Chores' are a bore

If you're having trouble getting things done around the house, try re-imagining them as self-care opportunities rather than chores on a to-do list. The simple but effective shift in thinking, according to KC Davis, founder of Struggle Care, can not only motivate but also protect mental health, Apartment Therapy reported. "Chores are obligations with external standards, but care tasks are acts of kindness that help you care for yourself," Davis told the website. "This simple shift moves the motivation inward and can make completing care tasks easier."

Set clear goals

Saying "I'm going to clean my house today" might not get you very far because of how massive the task is as well as the amount of pressure it adds. When you have an ambiguous goal, there's no clear line on when the job is actually done. Setting clear goals such as "scrubbing baseboards" or "organizing the basement" will help you stay on track and keep you from getting overwhelmed. "Resetting my kitchen to me means cleaning the dishes, wiping the counter, sweeping the floor, taking out the trash and setting up the next morning's coffee," Davis said. "That is a manageable list that feels much less intimidating, and it only takes me 25 minutes."

Be kind to yourself

There are countless reasons why people struggle with everyday care tasks. Whether due to mental health, physical disabilities or simply feeling overwhelmed, you deserve practical help, not shame and embarrassment. "As a therapist, I can attest that every time I have seen a client who describes themselves as 'lazy,' I have found not a character defect, but instead a functional barrier that needs support and intervention," Davis said. "At this point, I am convinced laziness does not exist." Changing how you treat yourself encourages you to set boundaries and have reasonable expectations for yourself and your home, both of which are beneficial to your mental health.

Do's and don'ts of keeping a functional closet

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

When it comes to closets, organization is often top of mind. But where do you start? There is the mindset that everything should have a place. Have tiny items that you fear may get lost? Place them in decorative boxes as opposed to loosely on shelves. Have items that won't

work well on hangers? Create slots to allow them to be neatly folded. Here are some top tips to create a functional and inviting closet.

Do's

- Do use boxes and bins to hold small items.
- Do color-code your closet by pairing similar colors and patterns together.
- Do incorporate slim or

huggable hangers to create more space.

Don'ts

- Don't keep items in your closet you haven't worn in at least a year. Purge those items no longer needed or worn.
- Don't mix different seasons of clothing in the same closet if possible. If you have the storage space, try to store items in your closet by season.

- Don't design your closet before taking inventory of what you have and a plan of how you want your closet to function. Otherwise, you may end up creating a closet that isn't fully maximized for usage.

Large spaces allow for items such as purses and hats to be properly displayed and stored. **TNS**



REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Recouping deposit may depend on tenant laws

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: Because of COVID-19, I signed a lease prior to seeing my apartment. I was advised it was under renovations. After I signed it, I was shown the apartment and it was uninhabitable. I did not move in, and I don't have the keys.

The apartment manager states she will not give me my deposit back because I signed the lease. I need help. What can I do to get my deposit back? I took pictures of the apartment's damages that clearly show why I can't live there.

A: Online portals show us the apartments, houses, townhomes and condos of our dreams. Unfortunately, real estate reality can be quite different.

Today, homebuyers and renters believe that they can see properties online and that the place will be exactly as shown. We're sorry you didn't get what you signed up for. We don't know if you were able to tell by the online photos that the condition might be compromised or if you were looking at older photos that showed the property when it was in a different (and better) state.

If you knew it was in poor condition, you should have only signed the lease if the landlord promised in writing that the apartment would be fully rehabbed prior to your move-in date.

We assume the landlord made certain representations about the condition of the apartment, but clearly, you were surprised and disappointed. Do you have a paper trail? We hope you corresponded with the landlord via text or email, so you have something that proves what the landlord promised you with respect to the condition of the property.



Some would-be tenants sign a lease, sight unseen, and later discover issues with the property. **DREAMSTIME**

You should know the law can be quite technical and sometimes form goes ahead of substance. This means that the written document might bind you to the lease irrespective of what you saw, what you believed would be delivered to you, or what was said to you outside the four corners of the document you signed.

You may want to find a tenant advocate attorney or an organization that helps tenants with their landlord issues. Your local city or municipality may have a strong landlord/tenant rights division with an ombudsperson who can help adjudicate the

situation. Otherwise, the only way you might get the money back is by contacting a real estate attorney to assist you in the recovery of the deposit.

But let's talk about the word "uninhabitable." Sometimes people use this word to mean that a home is showing wear and tear and might look dreadful. But worn or peeling paint (unless it's lead paint) may not meet the definition of uninhabitable under the law. When you talk with a lawyer and discuss the concept of habitability, you'll find out the definition of "uninhabitable" is when no one in their right

mind could live there. Think about a property that burned down, suffered a flood, doesn't have running water, is covered in mold or is rat infested and would be shut down by a building inspector or government agency.

If your pictures describe a place that can't be lived in — and not a place that you wouldn't want to live in — you have a much better case against the landlord to get your money back. You could call the city or municipality and describe the condition of the apartment and they might even cite the owner for code and building violations.

Still, your signed lease agreement governs your relationship with the landlord. The landlord is supposed to deliver the unit described in the lease and you are supposed to pay rent on that unit during the term of the lease. If you were lied to or defrauded into entering into the lease, you might have a better chance in court to get your money back. Just know that going to court can be expensive.

Here again, see what your state law or local law has to say about the actions of your landlord. Some local ordinances are more tenant-oriented

than others. If you entered into your lease in a city or suburb that has tenant-oriented laws, you might be able to use those laws in your favor and demand that the landlord return your deposit back if the landlord violated the ordinance.

Start with some research about what sort of landlord-tenant ordinances govern the place in which you live. We hope this works out for you.

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Insulation plays a vital role in keeping your home temperature stable. **DREAMSTIME**

HOME REMEDIES

Insulation is a critical tool in balancing your home's temp

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

If you've ever wondered why your heating or cooling bills seem to be out of sync with previous years, poor insulation could be the culprit.

You're paying good money to heat and cool your house, so there's no sense letting all that energy just float away. Insulation is a critical tool in balancing your home's temperature without breaking the bank on electrical and gas bills. In fact, proper insulation can drop your heating and cooling costs by as much as 15%.

But recent studies show that between half and two-thirds of American homes don't have enough insulation. Many factors can lower your insulation efficiency, including wearing down from age, exposure to leaks or rodents getting into your walls and attic. If your energy use seems higher than it should be, consider hiring an insulation contractor to take a look and make recommendations.

How to check your insulation

In some cases, you can

perform your own inspection to get a sense of the situation. First, make sure you wear protective gear such as a face mask, gloves and goggles, as well as a long-sleeved shirt and pants. Fiberglass insulation can be sharp to the touch.

Next, check your attic to ensure none of the vents are blocked. Impeded airflow will lead to poor ventilation and could promote mold growth or ice dams on the roof. Look for signs of leakage, which both damage the insulation and indicate the roof needs repair.

Finally, you can visually inspect your attic to verify that it has enough insulation. Most pros recommend 12 to 14 inches of attic insulation, but if you see any less than 5 inches, you're looking at insufficient insulation.

Hiring an insulation pro

Time for a quick lesson on house insulation functions. Insulation maintains temperature as part of a carefully balanced system in your home that creates what's called the "home envelope." The combination of windows, flooring, doors, roofs, insulation and weather-sealing all

play a role in this balance. So when you're hiring a professional to upgrade your insulation, make sure they can explain to you how their work can help fulfill this balance.

A pro should do more than take a peek in your attic. Insulation professionals should use diagnostic testing to determine where wall insulation is needed, for instance. They'll also search for air leaks, condensation buildup and other problems.

Hiring an insulation specialist rather than a general handyperson is a good idea. Not all states or municipalities license insulation work, but an experienced specialist brings a level of expertise that you won't get from a worker-of-all-trades. Professional installers will often back their work with a warranty, protecting you if something goes wrong.

Find out if your energy provider has a list of preferred or participating contractors. Such a pro will know how to install insulation to meet your provider's specifications. This can also open up rebates and other bonuses from your provider.

TREASURES

Vintage radio is a rare find

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: My family lived in Brussels in the early 1960s. We became very attached to a couple that lived next to us. I was only 5 years old when we moved there, and this couple became my "grandparents." When they moved into an apartment, they gave my parents an old radio. I would like to know more about it. I have the manual and other accessories including headphones, lamps, etc. I don't know if I need to insure it and for how much. What can you tell me?

A: We think we can throw some light on the subject, but we want to note that the question brings up the Peter Principle. In other words, it raises us to our level of incompetence.

Vintage radios are not something we know much about, but we have pictures of the radio's manual, so we can provide a bit of history on the piece and some other insights. It is an Audionette made by Etablissements Radio L.L. The L.L. stands for Lucien Levy.

Levy was born in Paris in

1892 and was a radio engineer and manufacturer of radio receivers.

In 1916, Levy was made head of the Eiffel Tower Radio Telegraphy Laboratory, which was basically wooden barracks on the Champ de Mars that used the Eiffel Tower as an antenna.

Probably Levy's most notable accomplishment was he was the inventor of the superheterodyne method of receiving radio signals, which is used in almost all AM radios.

Edwin Howard Armstrong was granted a U. S. patent for superheterodyne some months after, but in 1920, an American court granted Levy seven of the nine claims made in Armstrong's application.

Levy founded Etablissements Radio L.L. in 1920, but mass production of radio receivers did not begin until 1922. Levy's company's first mass-produced superheterodyne unit came in 1924, and this radio was made in a separate block. In 1925, Etablissements Radio L.L. produced a superheterodyne unit with a single turning control.

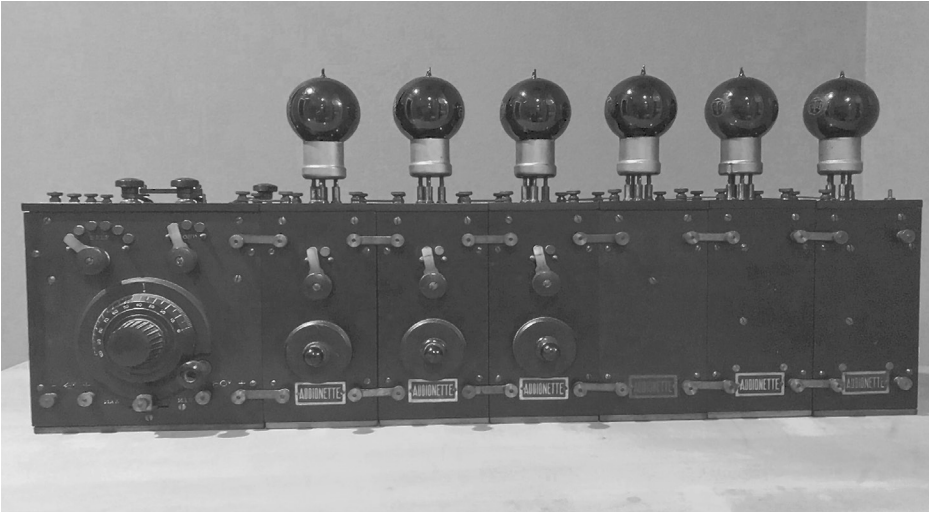
The example in today's question is a great-looking piece of equipment. We cannot be sure from

the photographs, but it appears to have been made from seven separate components probably cased in ebonized wood. We particularly like the six blue tubes the French called "lampes."

Now for the value of the rather rare piece. While doing our research we found eight lampes like the ones in today's question that sold at auction for close to \$1,400.

But the only comparable item for the radio itself that we could find was for an Etablissements Radio L.L. that sold in 2014 for around \$5,000 without the "lampes." The specialist in this area appears to be Auction Team Breker, Otto-Hahn-Straße 10, 50997 Köln, Germany, and yes, this radio should be insured.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.



This radio looks a bit odd, but it might be valuable. **READER SUBMITTED/TNS**

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: Park Place Towers

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Park Place Towers has been pioneering luxurious high-rise apartments in Hartford

By James Alexander

In recent years, one demographic trend has become increasingly clear in many cities, including Hartford. People, young and old, but primarily young, are moving back to the nation's urban centers.

There are many reasons for this shift in population patterns. Urban living places many of these people close to work, perhaps even within walking distance of their employment. It also means they are near a wide range of services, including restaurants, shops and stores, cultural events, banks, entertainment venues, and mass transit options.

As for housing in Hartford, Park Place Towers has been a pioneer in providing luxurious high-rise apartments with easy access to numerous urban attractions. These twin towers, which are just two short blocks from I-84, are centrally located and within walking distance to downtown Hartford and the Capitol. City bus service is even closer, just steps away.



The two 25-story towers contain 451 apartments. Most are two-bedroom units, though about one-third have one bedroom. In addition, there are 11 units offering three bedrooms. Currently, there are some two-bedroom and a limited number of one-bedroom units available.

Each of these apartments features an open and inviting floor plan, with a chef-friendly galley kitchen. All but one unit has a pass-through from the fully equipped kitchen to the dining area, which makes entertaining easier. These apartments are visually appealing, with ample natural light from large double-pane windows highlighting layouts that delight the eye.



Bedrooms are roomy with ample closet space. Bathrooms are tiled with the two bedroom units featuring two full baths, making these ideal for young professionals willing to take on a roommate.

"We have an extremely varied tenant group," John Scobie, the general manager, said. "It skews toward a younger population, but we have some residents who have been here since 1988," when the two towers opened. Other longer-term residents have moved within Park Place Towers, vacating a one-bedroom apartment when a two-bedroom unit became available. Of special interest to many people, two bedroom units on the top four floors of both towers have a balcony, while all the units feature impressive city views.



Some of the residents, according to Scobie, are contract employees, with Park Place Towers able to supply furnished units for individuals on extended temporary assignments in Hartford. "We can also supply a housewares package. All you need is a suitcase," Scobie said.



Residents will find an exceptionally wide array of services at Park Place Towers, starting with security measures that include a full-time concierge who interacts with all visitors and announces them to the residents they will be seeing before they are allowed into the building. Closed circuit video feeds allow residents to verify the identity of each visitor.

The concierge will also receive packages, often as many as 80 per day in each tower, according to Scobie. These deliveries are logged and stored in a secure area with resident notifications promptly issued. Dry cleaning deliveries are handled similarly.

Both towers have access to two lounges, one with a full kitchen. These are open to all the residents, but can also be reserved for those who wish to entertain large groups of friends and relatives.



In addition to the lounges, other amenities residents enjoy include use of a well-equipped fitness center, private parking in an attached and secure four-level garage, bicycle storage, access to additional storage space, and two business centers. These centers are located on the top floor of each tower. One center is reserved for conferences while the other is for quiet study.

Further setting this complex apart is the sense of community that has emerged among the residents. Park Place Towers promotes two large social gatherings each year, a holiday party and summer picnic, as well as many smaller activities, including movie nights, wine tastings, and talks on a variety of topics, such as personal finance. There are also sporting activities, including basketball, baseball and soccer, for those who wish to participate. Access to all of these programs and services is included at no extra charge, as are community-wide high-speed WiFi, heat, air conditioning, hot water, and parking for one car.

Nearby, residents will find easy access to live theater with the Bushnell, Hartford Stage and Theater Works within walking distance. Hartford's Infinity Music Hall & Bistro as well as West Hartford's Playhouse on Park are also nearby.



There are numerous area restaurants, easy access to food trucks, and the promise of developer Carlos Mouta's Parkville Market food hall on the horizon. It, too, is within easy walking distance, just past the area's shopping center. Park Place Towers is ideally located for easy access to a wide range of activities.

Adding to its appeal, the grounds, which abut Pope Park, the buildings, and common areas, are scrupulously maintained. Even the halls leading to the apartments are bright, cheery and inviting. And, for those who also enjoy some suburban touches, residency also includes unfettered access to a private six-acre park with a walking trail, a heated seasonal outdoor swimming pool, and tennis courts. "Park Place Towers is where people will find an urban lifestyle with suburban amenities," Scobie said. Residents may also have a pet cat.

All of this supports a compelling argument for making the move to Park Place Towers. However, the most compelling argument could be this: Thirty percent of the new residents based their move on the recommendation of a friend who is a current resident, Scobie said.



PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Park Place Towers

- Year built:** 1988
- Style:** High rise towers
- Monthly rental:** Starts at \$1,100 per month
- Bedrooms:** One or two
- Bathrooms:** One with one-bedroom units; two with two-bedroom units
- Square footage:** 600 to 1,050 square feet
- Mill rate for motor vehicles:** 45.0
- Best feature:** Urban lifestyle with suburban amenities
- Contact:** Park Place Towers Leasing Office at 860-951-3400 or click on leasing at the website, parkplacet.com

PORTLAND

Spacious sun filled colonial with hardwood floors, nestled in a wonderful cul-de-sac in Portland! Stretching over 1,855 square feet and features 4 bedrooms, 2/1 bathrooms with upgrades that bring you a sense of ease. Hardwood floors from room to room starting with the generous family room crowned with a brick fireplace, a pellet stove insert and flanked with custom built-ins & windows. \$405,000. 27 Grace Lane, Portland. WPSIR Lisa Fagan (860) 810-2325, lfagan@williampitt.com



NEW HARTFORD

North Star Farm is a backyard horse farm with a three bedroom, three bath split level home on 24.7 acres. It features a custom built 40 x 30, 6 stall, center aisle pole barn with custom built stalls and doors. This incredible property borders a local winery and is only minutes to fabulous shops and restaurants. \$699,000. 1474 Litchfield Tpke, New Hartford. WPSIR Jennifer Roller (860) 459-0805, jroller@williampitt.com



REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA

6 Renehan Dr, Nolan Mary P Est and Daddio, Sandra L to Carlos, Geoffrey, 12/10, \$218,500
9 Church St, Odonnell, Jason E to Voyak, Tony, 12/16, \$301,000
10 Jason Wright Dr, Salazar, Luis and Umperier-Salazar, Carmen to Docteur, Garnot, 12/10, \$310,000
12 Macintosh Ln Lot 12, Beqiri, Xhebraill to Meyers, Gustave and Meyers, Hutchenson, 12/14, \$199,000
15 West Rd, Conklin, Brian to Digirolamo, Gaetano L and Digirolamo, Dawn M, 12/15, \$275,000
23 Dwight St, Warycha Eugene Est and Warycha, Karen to Marro, Dave, 12/2, \$230,000
26 Jewett St, 26 Jewett LLC to Franceschi, Mihaela, 12/6, \$335,000
38 Ellis St, Suceska, Nesib and Suceska, Nura to Detavarez, Maria D and Detavarez, Fausto C, 12/13, \$300,000
45 Woodlawn Ave, Manfredi LLC to Azor, Esai and Azor, Nickella, 12/15, \$285,000
158 Main St, TML58 LLC to Ansonia Main St LLC, 12/15, \$400,000
200 Main St, TM200 LLC to Ansonia Main St LLC, 12/15, \$400,000

ASHFORD

17 Armitage Ct, Deane Norma D Est and Deane, Roseanne M to Moore, Wayne R and Bennrnt, Heidi, 12/13, \$185,000

AVON

2 Haddam Dr Lot 2, Gross, Joan S to Mazzochi, Michael and Mazzochi, Sharon, 12/1, \$265,000
8 Crossroads Ln Lot 8, Raducha, Allen to Sakr, Dina, 12/2, \$322,500
28 Applewood Ln Lot 28, Nancy K Doohor T and Prevot, Sara G to Grey, Mara and Grey, Robert, 12/15, \$291,000

BARKHAMSTED

31 Circlewood Dr, Oak Brook Landing LLC to Zaman Rooding LLC, 12/13, \$70,000

BEACON FALLS

42 Fieldstone Ln Lot 42, Jellberg, Eleanor K to Desai, Bharat, 12/17, \$500,000
55 Fieldstone Ln, Eg Home LLC to Roque, Ariel and Roque, Susan, 12/17, \$491,325
78 Highland Ave, Delafeld, Daniel and Dinardo, Doreen to Volpaccchio, Julia, 12/14, \$269,000

BERLIN

High Rd, USA HUD to Cipriano, Valyn and Natale, Nicholas, 12/10, \$260,000
S Ridge Ln, Yahary, Saleh to Schwartzberg, Eric, 12/10, \$269,900
20 Concord Dr Lot 20, Duchesne, Susan to Reynolds, Judith, 12/10, \$335,900

BETHANY

11 Old Fairwood Rd Ext, River Tree LLC to Annatone, Emily, 12/13, \$310,000
291 Fairwood Rd, Stoddard, Benjamin I and Stoddard-Crosby, E C to Rejnin, Monika M, 12/16, \$183,500

BETHLEHEM

87 White Birch Ln, B Murphy Bldg Contractor and Murphy, Brian to Giordano, Patricia and Giordano, Paul, 12/14, \$605,000
102 Harrison Ln, Rabenou, Pinhas to Piazza, Elizabeth and Piazza, Matthew, 12/14, \$424,000
189 Flanders Rd, Lee, John M to Pettinato, Ann and Pettinato, Daniel, 12/15, \$378,500

BLOOMFIELD

10 Linden Ct Lot 10, Seebach Henry Est and Out Bail Bonds LLC to Tavana Holdings LLC, 12/15, \$19,828
10 Northwood Dr, W Development Co LLC to Oliveira Holdings LLC, 12/13, \$700,000
12 Chateau Margaux Lot 12, Weinstock, Dianne to Labrot, Essie, 12/13, \$350,000
16 Rockwell Ave, Garrett, Florence C and Garrett, Francis C to Serrano, Maribeth, 12/9, \$182,000
37 Mountain Ave, Nutmeg Management LLC to Cicero, Ceylon, 12/13, \$245,000
61 Duncaster Rd, Joly, Amanda M and Patnaude, Adam J to Goldstein, Eliyahu, 12/15, \$275,000
68 Tariffville Rd, North Bloomfield Prop LLC to Byrnes Holdings LLC, 12/16, \$390,000
69 Elizabeth Ave, WLB Grp Of Companies LLC to Rowe, Karima, 12/16, \$192,000

BOLTON

35 Lakeside Cir, Hurst, Lauren to Shortoff, Maureen, 12/6, \$525,000

BOZHRAH

39 South Rd, Postovito Walter P Est and Lewis, Nicolina to Morales, Simeon H, 12/13, \$50,000
231 Bozrah St, Joseph M Haroun RET and Haroun, Joseph M to Thomas, Cynthia, 12/13, \$153,000

BRANFORD

Mona Ave, Almo, Albert A and Almo, Rita to Zegid, Woepa and Dolma, Lobsang, 12/7, \$360,000
N/A, Crisanti, Jennifer L to Roman, Osvaldo and Roman, Sooung, 12/7, \$250,000

BRIDGEPORT

N Main Townhouse Condo, Kovac, Edward J and Kovac, Gloria R to Summers, Barbara and Summers, Hobert, 11/30, \$50,000
Success Village Co Lot 35, Lester, Earl and Lester, Marie to Kendall, Lisa and Kendall, Mary, 11/30, \$75,000
24-26 Berkeley Pl, Jeanbaptiste Marcel Est and Jeanbaptiste, Alease to Kitchen, Andrea N and Nerine, Kitchen A, 11/30, \$60,833
24-26 Berkeley Pl, King Jackie Est and Jeanbaptiste, Rosella to Kitchen, Andrea N and Nerine, Kitchen A, 11/30, \$60,833
24-26 Berkeley Pl, King, Kenneth and King, Lorie to Kitchen, Andrea N and Nerine, Kitchen A, 11/30, \$423,333
24-26 Bronx Ave, Rivera, Jorge L to Flecha, Ricardo A, 12/1, \$340,000
29 Infield St, Pro Tech Home LLC to Clark, Florett and Green, Kerone, 11/30, \$439,000
36 Ashley St, Bouilly, Delice to C Calle, Manuel M and Quizhpi, Maria A, 11/30, \$400,000
36-38 Jackson Ave, Pierre Marie Est and Aime, Mider to Surita, Anthony and Surita, Erbin, 11/30, \$374,000
41 Oakwood St, Domack, Marie and Marghella, Angela to Pinzon, Maricela, 11/30, \$240,000
43 Ranch Dr, Diaz, Jorge A and Morales, Patricia to Livingston, Angelee, 12/1, \$329,500
60 Seaview Ter, Galvin, Noreen to Bryda 3rd, Benedict, 11/30, \$561,000
60 Washington Ter, JP Morgan Chase Bank NA to City Lending Group LLC, 12/1, \$56,500
78 Tarinelli Cir, CM Husky Homes LLC to 78 Tarinelli Circle LLC, 11/30, \$215,000
96-98 Washington Ter, Ka Investment LLC to Eai U LLC, 12/1, \$300,000
100 Wayne St, Valdovinos, Francisco to Valdovinos, Francisco, 11/30, \$100,000
100 Wayne St, Valdovinos, Francisco to Sanango, Manuel M, 11/30, \$464,000
105 Broadway, Lopez, Andrea M and Lopez, Luis A to Toapante, Carlos V, 11/30, \$270,000
108 Sampson St, Bernard, Barbara A to Philipin Ct LLC, 11/30, \$90,000
131-135 Wake St, Niedzwiecki, Iwona to Capital Bubble LLC, 11/30, \$141,000
133-135 Harborview Ave, Paulus, Susan to Lubin, Junior, 11/29, \$435,000
143 Clark St, Richardson, Shenetta and Thomas, Gavin to Johnson, Leroy, 12/1, \$395,000
148 Hughes Ave, Platero, Gladys N to Platero Jr, Jose M and Platero, Mary N, 11/29, \$40,000
155 Old Town Rd, Vergara, Gloria and Vergara, Jose W to Jeanpierre, Bernadita and Jeanpierre, Richardo, 11/30, \$435,000
168 Beechwood Ave, Jeannmary, Jeanricot to Tenecele, Marilyn E, 11/30, \$400,000
180 Alpine St, Webb Mtn Prop Alpine St to Nieto, Jorge I, 11/29, \$439,000
198-200 Newfield Ave, Hill, Betty and Hill, John R to Almonte, Luis and Almonte, Melvin, 11/30, \$250,000

206 Beechwood Ave Lot E, Melendez, Andres to Proano, Joyce, 12/1, \$155,000
210 Remington St, Briceño, Jose and Garcia, Rosa A to Reader, Malicia R and Reshe, Reader M, 12/1, \$200,000
215-217 Beechwood Ave, Grant, Courtney to Marte, Joselin and Nunez, Aldris, 11/29, \$379,900
221-223 Spring St, Polk, Heather to 221 Spring St LLC, 12/1, \$265,000
238 Remington St, Assam, Richard and Mercado, Milagros to Knecht, Dawn, 12/1, \$139,000
311 Truman St, Fillo, Estacio R to Castillo, Eloisa and Castillo, Nicolas A, 11/30, \$380,000
316 Benham Ave, Nguyen, Thanh V and Nguyen, Thu T to C Robledo, Miguel A, 11/30, \$277,000
333 Vincellette St Lot 29, Vasquez, Clara to CT Siding LLC, 11/29, \$37,500
334-336 Norman St, Montanez, Aida and Montanez Sr, Heriberto to EP Home Buyers LLC, 12/1, \$425,000
334-336 Norman St, EP Home Buyers LLC to Yer Properties LLC, 12/1, \$465,000
349 Court D, Tarczyński, Wojciech K to Mason, Elma, 11/30, \$58,000
397-399 James St, Longo T and Longo, Gina to S Diaz, Rodrigo F and S Diaz, Roque H, 12/1, \$245,000
464 Union Ave, Novus Prop Solutions LLC to Garves, Juan, 11/30, \$154,000
643-647 Pearl Harbor St, Hoffman, Mitchel to Rodriguez, Ariel A, 11/29, \$400,750
705 Thorne St, Picon, Carlos to Ramirez, David and Sarmiento, Oscar L, 11/29, \$307,500
706 Burnsford Ave, Monteiro, Filipe to Cascone, Ronald M, 11/30, \$320,000
966 Wood Ave, Johnson, Ellena to Chung, Sophia, 12/1, \$220,000
1017-1019 Howard Ave, Davis Brinton L Est and ABS Loan T to 6 to 5 Star Holdings LLC, 11/30, \$280,000
1575 Boston Ave Lot C7, Costa Jr, Anthony to Gomes, Carlos R, 11/30, \$35,000
1661 Main St, Matutes Investment LLC to Squash&Edu Alliance Inc, 11/29, \$1,510,000
1901 E Main St Lot 5, Boughavan, Edward to Zineddin, Moustafa, 11/30, \$142,000
3250 Fairfield Ave Lot 133, Lundquist, Erik and Lundquist, Melissa G to Baranyar, Brandon and Baranyar, Monica, 12/1, \$235,000

BRIDGEWATER

Cannfield Dr, Schramm, Patricia B to Pagan, Susan B and Pagan, Ivan, 12/16, \$100,000
Keeler Rd, Mulberry, Catherine M to Toledo, Margaret C and Toledo, Gary D, 12/1, \$652,501
Lake Lillinton Rd S, PD Associates LLC to Lirif, Kevin and Hritz, Annmarie, 12/6, \$100,000
83 Cannfield Dr, Schramm, Patricia B to Pagan, Susan B and Pagan, Ivan, 12/16, \$385,000
152 Main St S, Rannestad, Harold and Rannestad, Joyce E to Farewell, Linda and Farewell, Frederick M, 12/13, \$550,000

BRISTOL

Pine St Lot 3-23-2, Washington Realty Inv to Delaney, Michael J, 12/14, \$25,000
9 Frederick St, Lagace, Lex I to Gutierrez, Marcos A, 12/14, \$220,000
14 Earl St, Vitro, Alexander M and Galaway, Joshua D to Moye, Mark E, 12/14, \$200,000
15 West St, Dalfino, Susan to Martin, Ghan and Martin, Buddini, 12/16, \$142,500
19 Henry St, Merriam, David O to Pacheco-Calzada, Hector A and Otero, Gloria E, 12/15, \$177,000
32 Sandra St, Raczkza-Flint, Laura to Cruz, Maria V, 12/15, \$170,000
33 Adna Rd, Stride Properties LLC to Liu, Wentao and Li, Supeng, 12/14, \$325,000
45 Rockwell Ave, Diani Mary E Est and Woods, Carline M to Garcia, Jonathan to Aziz, 12/15, \$159,000
60 Metro St, Dihyhandled LLC to Reyes, Luis and Ayala, Amy, 12/15, \$225,000
64 Lake Ave, Soethe-Cursino, Wilson and Odaguey-Henrique, F to Milt-akis-Hryniewicki, P and Korzinska, Halina, 12/16, \$321,000
70 Summer St, Dupont, Ryan D to Coates-Strutz, Brianna, 12/14, \$200,000
74 Great Pyrenees Way, Rock Builders LLC to Bader, Glenn and Bader, Lois, 12/16, \$430,000
76 N Pond St, Brewster, Michael L to Whitcomb, Tucker W, 12/14, \$221,400
90 Mercier Ave, Vazquez, Joel and Fernandez, Vanessa R to Nadeau, Jacqueline N, 12/14, \$246,000
106 Greene St, Hebert, Patricia N to Tejada-Polanco, Madelyn, 12/14, \$240,000
112 Pequabuck St Lot 11, Trademark Acquisition LLC to Little, Jeffrey M and Letourneau, Janet T, 12/13, \$409,900
113 Rhoda Ln, Gimpf, Gary J and Gimpf Jr, William J to Landry Properties LLC, 12/16, \$370,000
115 Rhoda Ln, Gimpf, Gary J and Gimpf Jr, William J to Landry Properties LLC, 12/16, \$370,000
117 Rhoda Ln, Gimpf, Gary J and Gimpf Jr, William J to Landry Properties LLC, 12/16, \$370,000
120 Bird Rd, Haluska, Carol M to Vargas, Chago and Caraballo, Christina, 12/16, \$385,000
123 Rhoda Ln, Gimpf, Gary J and Gimpf Jr, William J to Landry Properties LLC, 12/16, \$370,000
125 Rhoda Ln, Gimpf, Gary J and Gimpf Jr, William J to Landry Properties LLC, 12/16, \$370,000
127 Rhoda Ln, Gimpf, Gary J and Gimpf Jr, William J to Landry Properties LLC, 12/16, \$370,000
146 Pine St, Haberfeld Enterprises LLC to I&E Properties LLC, 12/15, \$299,000
167 E Main St, Nichols Enterprises LLC to TNH LLC, 12/15, \$200,000
168 Babberry Dr, Deveau, Russell A to Mckenzi-Paulus, Giavonna and Lavioe, Adam, 12/16, \$190,000
218 Wolcott St, Cummings, Sandra to Cummings, Andrew, 12/13, \$32,000
225 Country Ln, Casarola, Joseph J to Mcconnell, Breanna M, 12/16, \$205,000
306 Dorothy Rd, Gallo, Debra M to Baughman, Angelina, 12/15, \$171,000
367 Park St, Dimanno, David J and Dimanno, Tracie to Bartley, Joshua W, 12/14, \$159,000

BROOKFIELD

10 Federal Rd, Josephine M Socci RET and Socci, Josephine M to 10 Federal Road LLC, 12/17, \$925,000
31 Oak Branch Dr Lot 31, Zheng, Hui H and Zgenh, Jian to Vellvasakis, Emmanuel, 12/17, \$375,000
118 Pocono Rd, Volpintesta, Nami A to Galhardo, Jorge M, 12/14, \$392,000
350 Candlewood Lake Rd, Reynolds, Cynthia W to Jam Real Estate LLC, 12/16, \$298,000

BURLINGTON

Nepaug Rd, Morris Realty 2 LLC to Gillespie, James E, 12/17, \$358,750
8 Gilbert Ln, Bonola, Sandra H to Beaulieu, Heidi E, 12/16, \$415,000
40 Claire Hill Rd, Kerns, Nicolette to Bodley, Sarah, 12/16, \$280,000
83 Westside Blvd, Narducci, Colin J and Narducci, Thomas to Thron, Carynne G, 12/13, \$220,000
88 West Ledge, White, Drew and White, Rhonda F to Stone Jr, Clifford R and Stone, Dlynn, 12/17, \$370,000
136 Mountain Spring Rd, Robinson Scott R Est and Parker, John F to Koval, Stephen M and Koval, Ashley, 12/16, \$330,000
443 Milford St, Williams, Adam to McCabe, Katherine, 12/14, \$311,000

CANTON

23 Deer Run Rd, Kelme Development LLC to Aligne, Raean, 12/13, \$59,900
38 Bristol Dr, Krasji, Jeremy to Crowder, Kira, 12/13, \$315,000
430 Dowd Ave Lot 430, Oliveira, Michelle to Young, Kimberly J, 12/17, \$170,000

CHESHIRE

1 Barytes Dr, Nichols, Sylvia P to Terwilliger, Neil and Hoyos-Ramirez, Erika, 12/13, \$289,500
5 Lilac Ct, Weiner, Elizabeth to Marinaccio, Joseph G and Marinaccio, Talia R, 12/13, \$385,000
13 Abbey Ct, Morgigno, Paul and Morgigno, Stephanie to Helleman, Donald W, 12/13, \$340,000
15 Judson Ct, Jacques, Elvira M and Jacques, William E to Kelsey, Bryan J and Kelsey, Lisa M, 12/14, \$450,000
20 Loray Ct, Constanti, Anna to Deveau, Russell A and Fiore, Rachel, 12/16, \$400,000
60 Lewis Rd, Pavlik, Suanne L to Freeman, Theodore and Kobryn, Amanda, 12/13, \$299,900
63 Dundee Dr, Manaloto, Villamor Q and Manaloto, Gloria S to Wang, Shuai and Liu, Qing, 12/16, \$488,000
87 Deepwood Dr, Scarpeiti, Richard C and Scarpeiti, Emily M to Nichols, Sylvia P, 12/13, \$269,900
99 Realty Dr, Clearview McKinley Ests to Rizvi, Syed U and Afridi, Monina A, 12/13, \$662,000
108 Old Farms Rd, Albert, Joseph D and Albelt, Eileen to Abel, Robert, 12/16, \$450,000
152 Laurel Ter, Kraus, Daniel J and Kraus, Richard L to Kraus, Patricia A and Chicano, Lois A, 12/17, \$379,900
208 Beacon Hill Dr, Rapoport, Jeffrey L and Cazenovia Crk Funding LLC to Ramos, Walder E, 12/17, \$315,000
268 Farm Meadow Ln, Bruneau, Russell J and Bruneau, Karen L to Aslam, Imran and Shabbir, Samia, 12/13, \$485,000
325 Sandbank Rd Lot B6, Integrated Packaging Soln to Matthew&Thomas LLC, 12/15, \$150,000
375 Chestnut St, Parolise, David and Parolise, Amanda to Li, Brittany, 12/17, \$339,900
535 W Main St, Reich, Fred to Jab Partners LLC, 12/16, \$1,200,000
813 Jarvis St, Jeanette B Brewerton Est and Cyphers, Margaret A to Pheasant Run LLC, 12/15, \$280,000

CLINTON

N/A, Sweet, Kaitlin R and Sweet, Jacob to Henrick, Stephen, 12/2, \$340,000
25 College St Lot 2, Patterson, Michael and Patterson, Elena to Batista, Welson and Batista, Juliana, 12/2, \$146,000
55 Hammonasset Ave, Fowler, Susan L and Fowler, Bruce A to 55 Hammonasset LLC, 11/30, \$216,751

COLCHESTER

27 David Dr, Joan F Higgins T and Higgins, Joan F to American Asset Mgmt LLC, 12/16, \$180,000

COVENTRY

71 Buena Vista Rd, Johndro Ernest N Est and Mallett, Doreen E to Sullivan, Sean C, 12/15, \$109,000
138 Mark Dr, Brigham, Carolyn A to Alejandro Jr, Samuel and Alejandro, Chelsea M, 12/13, \$255,000
717 Wrights Mill Rd, Rodriguez, Luis J and Rodriguez, Kimberly A to Santoro, Amanda N and Krafick, Daniel A, 12/13, \$411,000

DANBURY

5 King St, Hankovsky, Peter Z to Deoliveira, Mauricio and Moreira, Ulisses M, 12/15, \$60,000
Spruce Mountain Rd, Dasilva, Maria L to Nieves, Edwin S, 12/6, \$395,999
Village Sq, Kelly Carol M Est and Kelly, Robin D to Kelly, Lynn S, 12/15, \$126,000
1 Bristol Ter Lot 1, Tافر, Carlos M and Cardenas-Tافر, Karen A to Hallas, Laurie E, 12/6, \$470,000
1 E Hayestown Rd Lot 3, Froehlich, Marc L and Froehlich, Valerie to Medina, Angelica M, 12/14, \$347,900
1 High Fields Dr, Kapadwala, Aisha A to Aziz, Ashfaq and Aziz, Shamim, 12/6, \$599,000
1 Lilac Ln, Blechman-Wellin, Ruth to Letang, Debra and Williams, Harding M, 12/16, \$645,000
1 Sunset Dr, Lee, Patricia M to Bicalho-Teixeira, Diego, 12/15, \$265,000
1 Valley Stream Dr, Knapp Jr, John H and Knapp, Lisa to Murrin, Ryan and Decoeche, Thiago, 12/13, \$470,000
2 Kevin Dr, Kevin Drive Assoc LLC to Gabriel, Santos 2 and Contreras, Maria Y, 12/15, \$555,000
4 Hayestown Hts, Michael Jr, Gary R and Benchmark Mun Tax Svcs to Benchmark Mun Tax Svcs, 12/16, \$30,000
4 Mountaineave Ave, Rodriguez, Delvin A and Medina, Evelyn to Depaz-Bedoya, Israel, 12/13, \$420,000
5 Woodside Ave Lot D39, Kuruz, Marilyn to Gonzalez, Edgar, 12/13, \$100,000
6 Belair Dr, Hosei, Christopher and Hosei, Kaitlyn E to Anderson Jr, Keith and Anderson, Amanda, 12/14, \$479,000
6 Rose Ln Lot 6-53, Pankulis, Andy to Harrison, Tarshia J, 12/15, \$215,000
6 Rose Ln Lot 4-29, Jimenez, Jorge A to Acuna, Jheffry A, 12/15, \$190,000
8 Lilac Ln, Manuel, Filance and Manuel, Jonia K to Valenzuela, Jose and Gonzalez, Jennifer, 12/15, \$625,000
9 High St Ext, Esposito John J Sr Est and Mietelski, Nancy A to Otrap Investments LLC, 12/6, \$225,000
10 Belair Dr, Carrera, Carlos R and Carrera, Helen to Ware, Princess P and Ware, Aaliyah P, 12/15, \$575,000
10 Diamond Rd, Pinto, Adilton and Pinto, Daniela to Constantino, Charles and Constantino, Nina, 12/15, \$470,000
10 Stuart Dr, Watson, Celina B to Martinez, Ivonne and Crovatto, Craig, 12/13, \$500,000
14 Morton St Lot 14, Costello, Kristina to Rones, Shanell and Rones, Tammie, 12/13, \$323,000
16 Great Plain Rd, Houghtaling, Francis J to Yogeshwar Realty LLC, 12/15, \$365,000
16 Sage Rd, Torpey, Katherine M to Swergold, Gary and Horowitz, Jill, 12/7, \$410,000
17 Town Hill Ave, 17 Town Hill LLC to Carvalho, Isabel C, 12/13, \$364,900
18 Louis Allan Dr, First 9 Corp to Wheeler, Eric and Wheeler, Margarida, 12/6, \$175,000
24 Brentwood Cir Lot 24, Toll CT 3 LP to Antinozzi, Rebecca, 12/16, \$525,400
25 Alan Rd, Gelbart, Aaron to Machisaca, Jorge E, 12/13, \$340,000
27 Crows Nest Ln Lot 10, Cioffari, Anna V to Dantec, Jacques and Dantec, Betsy, 12/6, \$210,000
27 Paulding Ter Lot 27, Constantino Jr, Charles J and Constantino, Nina to McKinnon, Jason L and Burris, Sara, 12/14, \$455,000
30 Brentwood Cir Lot 30, Toll CT 3 LP to Domenech, Oswaldo and Domenech, Barbara L, 12/13, \$518,845
34 Faith Ln Lot 34, Creamey, Gineann P and Maloney Jr, John P to Polcari, Richard and Polcari, Daniela, 12/17, \$475,000
36 Farview Ave, Proctor, John E and Proctor, Jennifer M to Chacon-Ruiz, Jorge P, 12/6, \$750,000
38 Padanaram Ave Lot 6, Rivard, Catherine A to Brock, Karisa, 12/9, \$135,000
38 Padanaram Ave Lot 20, Argo, Ewa to Sarkis, Maher A, 12/13, \$190,000
40 Topstone Dr, Villatoro, Maria to Kirwan, Adam and Kirwan, Erika, 12/14, \$300,000
52 Britannia Dr, Gonzalez, Jennifer to Tripodi, John J and Connington, Amy, 12/7, \$370,000
55 Cross St Lot B8, Carrara, Marcia R to Downey, Regan, 12/14, \$175,000
55 Mill Plain Rd Lot 21-6, Gaudenzi Jr, Gene J and Gaudenzi, Elizabeth A to Bueso-Alfaro, Jose R, 12/13, \$281,000
55 Mill Plain Rd Lot 23-1, Bailey, Justin E and Bailey, Natia to Zuccaro, Briana, 12/8, \$183,000
58 W Redding Rd, Kai T and Honjo, Yosuke to Brotherton, Robert P, 12/13, \$850,000
61 Southern Blvd, Laskar, Amit and Laskar, Sudveti to Herger, Lorraine M, 12/6, \$275,000
62 Kenosia Ave Lot 1, Jay Earl Associates LLC to 3KM Realty LLC, 12/9, \$2,875,000
64 Federal Rd, Meghani, Noordin to Rockaway LLC, 12/6, \$360,000
67 Taagan Point Rd, Shorter, Laurence and Shorter, Karen D to Colwyn LLC, 12/6,

\$1,338,500
73-79 Park Ave Lot 402, RCB Waterbury LLC to Melnic, Ion, 12/7, \$147,000
77 Brentwood Cir Lot 77, Toll CT 3 LP to Ding, Emily C and Kauffman, Gregory S, 12/15, \$634,372
113-A King St, Owen, David G to Granizo, Danny L and Granizo, Crystal, 12/7, \$795,000
136 Deer Hill Ave Lot C31, Koukos, Peter to Eichinger, Grace, 12/13, \$165,000
136 Deer Hill Dr Lot 13, Qerimi, Zenun to Gulluso, Leah S, 12/7, \$120,000
151 Shelter Rock Rd Lot 26, Real, Victor C to Baballeku, Genoveffa, 12/14, \$195,000
157 Shelter Rock Rd Lot 1, Calomeni, Rachel K and Calomeni, Pablo M to Barroso, Guilherme G and Alvarenga, Isabella L, 12/13, \$230,000
166 Old Brookfield Rd Lot 31-5, Chen, Shubin to Kreuzsling, Tierney and Lutter, Henry, 12/9, \$260,000

DARIEN

N/A, McLaughlin, Martin to Tarantino Jr, Nicholas R and Tarantino, Erica J, 12/13, \$2,185,000
19 Brush Island Rd, Degnan, James P and Degnan, Elizabeth D to Michael Gaudino RET and Gaudino, Michael A, 12/6, \$5,600,000
19 Sunnyside Ave, Mitchell, James V and Mitchell, Katherine L to Powell, William B and Powell, Hilary D, 12/9, \$1,740,000
48 Fairfield Ave, Pipsters LLC to Konoplev, Mikhail and Konopleva, Iulia, 12/13, \$1,552,000
2735 Boston Post Rd, Lucy-Carley, Robert A and Carley, Maria J to Lucana, Gloria X and Lucana, Boris J, 12/7, \$700,000

DEEP RIVER

29 Union St, Speilamn Jr, Paul J to Bolle, Hillary S and Long, Douglas, 12/13, \$465,000
92 Main St Lot 416, Foster 3rd, Elion and Foster, Susan Z to Wang, Nikita, 12/13, \$221,000
92 Main St Lot 201, Suzanne P Williams T and Williams, Suzanne P to Moore, Suellyn B, 12/16, \$233,000

DERBY

12 West Ct Lot 12, Irvin, Matthew R to Lukas, Kristin J, 12/15, \$235,000
38-44 Hawkins St, Hawkins Street Realty LLC to Derby Holdings LLC, 12/16, \$500,000
167-171 Caroline St, Caiza, Julio to Cortez, Karina, 12/16, \$310,000
207 Smith St, Mcmnanus, Frances A and Mcmnanus, Michael J to Mogavero, Antonio V, 12/13, \$375,000

DURHAM

11 Hill Top Dr, Gaschla, Joseph R and Gasdia, Christina D to Gaudier-Meyer, Thornton and Meyer, Roseanne, 12/16, \$452,000
133 Main St, Caruth, Robert E and Caruth, Sandra C to Merliss, Erik, 12/14, \$399,000
154 Creamery Rd, Benjamin Jr, Norman R to Gilpatrick 2nd, Preston J and Gilpatrick, Elizabeth M, 12/15, \$385,000
281-R Guilford Rd, Previti 3rd, Vito and Previti, Kimberly K to Mitchell, John and Mitchell, Laura A, 12/16, \$342,000
394 Blue Hills Rd, Cianciolo FT and Cortezzo, Louis to Hjerpe, Stephen, 12/16, \$279,000

EAST GRANBY

16 Seymour Rd Lot 1A, Newrez LLC to Chung-Tse, Chris K, 12/13, \$136,100
16 Seymour Rd Lot 7G, Stegman, Bryan A and Stegman, Antonnica M to Whitmore, Mary E, 12/17, \$125,000
45 Russell Rd, 45 Russell Road LLC to 45 Russell Rd East Granby, 12/13, \$737,500
65 Nevgate Rd, Sperry, Marguerite G to Mayer, Eric P, 12/17, \$321,000

EAST HADDAM

16 Town Farm Rd Ext, Antone, Thomas M and Antone, Stephanie P to Godwin, Kevin N and Godwin, Cassandra D, 12/14, \$341,000
25 Old Acres Rd, Marien, Nicholas M to Rinaldi, Dennis P and Golubowski, Emily, 12/16, \$156,500
38 Ackley Cemetery Rd, Dalessandro Jr, Thomas to George, Timothy M and George, Ashly D, 12/13, \$50,000

EAST HAMPTON

Old Marlborough Rd, 127 East High St LLC to A3 44 Holdings LLC, 12/16, \$170,000
2 S Main St, Stack, Austin J to Daly, Allison M and Daly, James A, 12/14, \$415,000
8 Deer Mdw, James Marino Jr Const LLC to Meaiko, Shawn L and Meaiko, Karen L, 12/7, \$429,750
10 Champion Hill Rd, Kaeser, Craig W and Kaeser, Jane M to Salley, Christian C, 12/13, \$165,000
12 Huckleberry Acres Rd, Mallory, Shane P to Thomas, Emily, 12/7, \$275,000
28 Whispering Woods Rd, Weyrauch, Thomas A and Weyrauch, Jennifer L to Williams, Christopher J and Domskey, Carly S, 12/7, \$600,000
34 Oak Knoll Rd, Sullivan, Kelli L to Fredricksen, Alyssa and Krom, Sean, 12/13, \$314,000
47 Blue Heron Dr, Gollenberg, Glenn R and Gollenberg, Donna A to Winkler, Karl E and Winkler, Jennifer N, 12/13, \$429,000
53 Boulder Rd, Alston, Jeanne to Marlin, Cynthia, 12/16, \$212,000

EAST HARTFORD

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REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Virginia, 12/6, \$392,500

59 Lorraine Rd, Barrett, Joshua to Blaney, Kathleen and Blaney, David, 12/7, \$265,000
68 Buddington Rd Lot 3, Lynch, Louise P to Marcelo, Nikolas and Marcelo, Kristin, 12/7, \$105,000

219 Library St, Beaulieu, Scott and Beaulieu, Cheryl to Library Investments LLC, 12/9, \$1,060,000

225 Prospect Hill Rd, Gozzo, Michael P to Harrington, Carol A, 12/8, \$392,500
292 Meridian St Lot N, Sease, Jerome S to Barreira-Gomes, Sally E, 12/6, \$115,000
402 Oral School Rd, Chester, Randy to Bitgood, John M, 12/9, \$376,000

GUILFORD

Bridge Rd, Mackowiak, Mark J and Burton, Christy to Celentano, Samantha and Severino, Austino, 12/3, \$140,000

Deer Ln, Bgrs Relocation Inc to Andrews, Lee W and Andrews, Deborah P, 11/30, \$370,000

Deer Ln, Kozal, Cynthia J and Kozal, Michael J to Bgrs Relocation Inc, 11/29, \$730,000

Long Hill Rd, Margaret L Woodruff FT and Woodruff, Margaret L to 1300 Long Hill Road LLC, 12/2, \$1,450,000

N/A, Kavanagh, Peter F and Kavanagh, Neringa to Gray, Steven and Willett, Maureen, 12/7, \$385,000

9 White Pine Ln, Catino, Joseph J and Catino, Elizabeth U to Richards, Matthew W, 12/16, \$740,000

104 Boston St, Piraino, Robin and Sonzogni, Thomas to Morris, Hunter C, 12/7, \$121,500

15 Horseshoe Rd, Mack, Timothy to Jameson, James B and Jameson, Kate E, 12/17, \$525,000

25 High Meadow Rd, Fisher Carolyn Est and Dillon, John T to Ofarrell, Maureen A and Sizemore, Walter, 12/6, \$580,000

27 Andy Ln, Schriver, Deron E and Schriver, Lisa J to Fishilevich, Konstantin and Aucoin, Nicole C, 12/13, \$595,000

28 Wauwinet Ct Lot 28, Babecki, John to Swain, William G, 12/3, \$95,000

40 E Creek Cir, Obrien, Barbara Z to Eskew, Bryan and Eskew, Teri, 12/16, \$362,000

53 Prospect Ave, Strano, Angelina M to Heudorfer 3rd, George F and Heudorfer, Julie, 12/16, \$1,925,000

70 Hidden Ln, Basilone Anthony J Est and Basilone, David to Eckman, Matthew and Eckman, Alicia E, 12/13, \$472,000

71 Headley Creek Cir, Beesley, Robert to Walden, Rex and Walden, Wendy, 12/14, \$485,000

188 Donald Rd, Olding Kathleen F Est and Howe, Peter to Palumbo, Donald and Palumbo, Laura, 11/30, \$235,000

224 Mulberry Point Rd, Kennedy, Melinda E and Titcomb, Christopher C to Mendoza, Jose, 12/17, \$266,000

320 Vineyard Point Rd, Leary, Robert J and Leary, Renee S to Ibrahim, Nicole L and Ibrahim, Zahir M, 12/16, \$2,750,000

338 3 Corners Rd, Mei, Gloria to Mack Building LLC, 12/3, \$300,000

379 Whitfield St Lot AN1842, Macgregor, Pam and Winkler, Patricia to Zhivotovskiy, Dmitry and Bradley, Sharon L, 12/16, \$145,000

1510 Great Hill Rd, Nunzianto, Ernest and Nunzianto, Diane to Connor, Michael and Devlin, Nicole, 12/15, \$695,000

1531 West St, Beaudoin,orton J and Beaudoin, Pamela to Morton Jr, Lawrence D and Morton, Bibi S, 12/3, \$145,000

2548 Boston Post Rd, Maritime Grille LLC to Argoun LLC, 12/17, \$1,100,000

HADDAM

Plains Rd, Salisa LLC to Elevated Terra Inc, 12/9, \$35,000

10 Copley Rd, Rogers Jr, Robert L to Labella, Guy V, 12/7, \$120,000

43 Saybrook Rd, Burns RET and Darling, Ellen to Grenier, Gene J and Anderson, Anna B, 12/16, \$316,000

56 Thayer Rd, Bonilla, Jose I to Xavier, Jacquelyn L and Genovesio, Tyler, 12/13, \$280,000

210 Old Chester Rd, Lupinek Jr, Robert C and Lupinek, Evani to Vansteenbergen, Dylan J and Vansteenbergen, Cheyenne L, 12/13, \$487,500

215 Old Cart Rd, Cavallaro, Angela M to Torneo, Nick A and Torneo, Sharon A, 12/13, \$510,000

311 Saybrook Rd, Grange Bldg Saybrook Rd to Saybrook Rd Hgoguan, 12/13, \$340,000

352 Quarry Hill Rd, Denisevich, Richard J to Naqvi, Syeda K, 12/6, \$560,000

HAMDEN

30 W Meadow Rd, Alfano, Sandra L to Barry, Caitlin N, 12/9, \$370,000

HARTFORD

3 Haddam St, Muzzy, Giselle A to Lemerise, Maridanis and Lemerise, Brian J, 12/17, \$165,000

8-10 Francis Ct, Hartford City Of to New Samartian Pkville Inc, 12/14, \$87,000

12-14 Belden St, Henry, Joshua to TSR Enterprises LLC, 12/15, \$12,000

16-18 Dover St, Londo, Androkli L and Londo, Rajonda to Palmer, Dexton, 12/15, \$300,000

17 Morton St, Guevara, Glendaly and CitiMortgage Inc to CitiMortgage Inc, 12/13, \$113,000

21 Williams St, Zarif, Hakim to 21 William Ct 2 LLC, 12/16, \$205,000

21-23 Earle St, Thaxter Sr, Vincent L to K Brown LLC, 12/15, \$170,000

25 Torwood St, Stidolph, Cheryl A to Godley, Denzel, 12/14, \$238,000

26 S Whitney St, Jonesbank Acquisitions to Bruno, Brennie, 12/13, \$290,000

28 Atwood St, Riopel, Walter E and Riopel, Martha C to Atwood ST LLC, 12/16, \$120,000

30 Woodland St Lot 5f, Bryan, Valerie J to Donovan, Tammy L, 12/13, \$65,000

31-33 Elmer St, HG Realty Associates LLC to Summerlin, Latron D, 12/17, \$158,000

32 Durham St, Branford, Donovan and US Bank NA to Ward 2nd, Frederick F, 12/14, \$164,414

35 Elmer St, HG Realty Associates LLC to Summerlin, Latron D, 12/17, \$158,000

36-40 Amity St Lot 67, Chowdhury, Naima to Falcon, Mark A, 12/15, \$255,000

36-40 Amity St Lot 68, Chowdhury, Naima to Falcon, Mark A, 12/15, \$255,000

37 Cumberland St, Jones, Melvin B to Peguero, Andres and Felix, Miguelina, 12/16, \$252,500

37 Martin St, 37 Martin LLC to 37 Martin LLC, 12/13, \$129,500

39-41 Flatbush Ave, Couto, Joaquim R and Couto, Maria C to Medina-Rosario, Alvaro L and Medin, Latasha M, 12/14, \$260,000

43-45 Winchester St, Flowers, Patricia A and Flowers, George E to Spence, Vanessa and Spence, Jasmine, 12/15, \$70,000

44-46 Harold St, Slaughter Andy Est and Slaughter, Denise A to Slaughter, Andy, 12/15, \$215,000

50-1/2 Annawan St, Douglas, Marvin and Douglas, Patricia to Lewis, Nicholas, 12/15, \$170,000

52-54 Eaton St, Jimenez, Manuel A to Rai, Ramcripai and Rai, Omatie, 12/13, \$330,000

65 Imlay St, Grant, Dawn to Cortes, Luis, 12/15, \$162,000

75-77 Lenox St, Watson, Robert to Kunam, Sharada, 12/13, \$260,000

76 Burnham St, Ferreras, Maria to Rose, Shellaïne, 12/14, \$200,000

79 Amherst St, Morales, Nelly to Ferreras, Maria, 12/13, \$207,000

84 Freeman St, Stubbs, Alia to Pines, Latoya, 12/14, \$220,000

97 Roxbury St, Rivera, Janyda N to Cordero, Alexi M, 12/15, \$155,000

100 Wells St Lot R008, Martinez, Zenaida to Bushnell Condos LLC, 12/14, \$100,000

121 Nilan St, Lambert, Tanesha to Frances, Dacia, 12/13, \$220,000

126 New Park Ave, Hartford City Of to New Samartian Pkville Inc, 12/14, \$87,000

130 New Park Ave, Hartford City Of to New Samartian Pkville Inc, 12/14, \$87,000

133 Westerly Ter, Simpson Jr, Robert B and Simpson, Kathleen to Brusin, Derek E and Paché, Victoria R, 12/17, \$625,000

136 Main St Lot B2, Mcmanus, James M and

Perez, Angel to Grimsley, Edwin Y, 12/17, \$172,500

143 Madison Ave, Vietnamese Mutual Assi to Isidro, Raul J, 12/15, \$185,000

159 Roger St, Torres, Maria to Garcia, Elizabeth, 12/17, \$195,000

161 Francis Ave, Hartford City Of to New Samartian Pkville Inc, 12/14, \$87,000

187 Granby St, Lambert, Janet to Cravo, Fernando, 12/17, \$40,000

187 Granby St, Howley Linda Est and Greika, Amy to Cravo, Fernando, 12/17, \$40,000

214 Standish St, Acevedo, Juan B to Cruz, Tomas and Urciuoli, Samantha M, 12/15, \$185,000

217-219 S Whitney St, Ahronheim, Keith and Goldstein, Stephen to BD Asset Co 8 LLC, 12/13, \$187,500

241-243 Zion St, N Agolli LLC to AGS Holdings LLC, 12/17, \$530,000

249 Capen St, Henry, Antoinette M to 37 Martin LLC, 12/13, \$150,000

279 Fairfield Ave, Lewis Gregory K Est and Lewis, Latoya M to Barnes Investments LLC, 12/15, \$300,000

300 Lyme St, Maple, Sharon L to Mitchell, Aigner M, 12/13, \$205,000

306 Locust St, Locust Motors LLC to Hartford Ventures LLC, 12/14, \$650,000

322-324 Cornwall St, Martharine, Roberts and TLOA OF CT LLC to Alexander, Uriah, 12/15, \$216,000

335 Branford St, Rivera, Lillian to Bailey, Byron and Mogleashen, Elaine, 12/15, \$210,000

455 Campfield Ave, Krdzic, Imer and Krdzic, Minela to Wym, Maung and Bio, Ma A, 12/14, \$257,500

606 Franklin Ave, Gaetano Rocamora Const to M&V Contractors LLC, 12/17, \$320,000

940 Wethersfield Ave Lot 2, Ethan Properties LLC to Fancy Deco Y LLC, 12/14, \$32,000

1086-1088 Capitol Ave, Lara, Carlos E to 1086 Capitall LLC, 12/15, \$245,000

2015-2025 Main St, Charter Servicing Co LLC to Khattab, Masjid U, 12/15, \$250,000

HARTLAND

394 Center St, Burke, Maryann to Tiadora, Alfred A and Tiadora, Marion, 12/14, \$332,500

HARWINTON

11 Catlin Rd, Mandi, Judi to Genova, Trista A, 12/14, \$252,727

25 Hannahs Way, Targa 1st LLC to Amundsen, William and Amundsen, Shirley, 12/17, \$377,625

30 Wilson Pond Rd, Griffin, Janis B to Ferguson, Jessie M and Friedman, Glen D, 12/14, \$489,000

88 Catlin Rd, Richard A Dimaria RET and Cornell, Katherine J to Thomas, STEPHEN M and Thomas, Lawr, 12/13, \$58,000

165 Lake Harwinton Rd, Loveland, Wendy to Bingham, Dustin and Bingham, Andrea, 12/13, \$360,000

364 Scoville Hill Rd, Quinn, Rita L to Paradise, Nicole, 12/15, \$250,000

577 Hill Rd, Martin, Scott P to Larsen, Stephanie, 12/15, \$470,000

HEBRON

6 Rondaly Rd, Rice, Heather L to Rix, Renee and Rix, Nathaniel R, 12/15, \$160,000

11 Lake Rd, Smith, Christopher I to Cravenho, Jennifer, 12/13, \$250,000

44 Abby Dr, Phillips, Joshua K and Phillips, Sarah M to Greco, Raymond M, 12/13, \$320,000

96 Blackman Rd, Krinjak, Lucille J to Sardo, Anthony and Sardo, Hannah, 12/14, \$245,000

354 W Main St, Rodriguez, Carolina to Elserafy, Shorouk and Elserafy, Ahmed, 12/17, \$300,000

KENT

171 Segar Mountain Rd, Nivolo, Jesse A to Rojas, Jeffrey, 12/16, \$500,000

433 Kent Cornwall Rd Lot 17, Cooper, Jane to Gleason, Steven M and Gleason, Lillian C, 12/13, \$279,000

KILLINGLY

24 Robert Ave, Brown, Michael E and Brown, Crystal L to Phillips, Gregory D and Brown, Erin C, 12/14, \$365,000

49 Boys Ave, Lemek, David M and Lemek, Deborah M to Coco Bella LLC, 12/15, \$295,000

65 Breakneck Hill Rd, Vallier, Paulette to Vandenberg-Roberts, Eva M, 12/15, \$215,000

144 Putnam Rd, Lawrence, Sandra R and US Bank NA to US Bank NA, 12/13, \$166,980

1370 Hartford Pike, Miller Francis J Est and Vinquevere, Robin to Carlson, Richard, 12/14, \$120,000

KILLINGWORTH

7 Beechwood Rd, Young Sr, Laurel L to Bagnoli, John and Bagnoli, Nancy, 12/13, \$164,995

13 Cranberry Meadow Ln, Tashash, Nancy to Cozzi, Elizabeth J and Cozzi, Benedict W, 12/16, \$110,000

80 Pond Meadow Rd, Termine, Thomas R and Termine, Kathleen S to Schweidenback, Jordan and Schioppo, Danielle, 12/13, \$425,000

81 Green Hill Rd, Wright, Lynn A and Wright, Elliot T to Caprio, Christopher J and Gabrinski, Amanda, 12/15, \$295,000

LEBANON

22 Clubhouse Rd, Upton, George R and Upton, Barbara to Morrell, Jennie, 12/16, \$55,000

43 Bush Hill Rd, Davis, Dean M to Rovero, David C and Rovero, Natalie, 12/14, \$277,900

83 Lake Williams Dr, RMD Land Development LLC to Ricchi, Joshua S, 12/16, \$285,000

323 Trumbull Hill Hwy, Giglio, Ida M and Diaz, Ricardo to Yommer, Zachary M and Morse, Sarah M, 12/13, \$292,500

LEDYARD

1 Peach Tree Hill Ave, Reilly, Samantha and Reilly, Eamon to Mahoney, Aaron P, 12/16, \$329,000

2 Anderson Dr, Peterson, Eric to Gonzales, Jean V, 12/14, \$225,000

7 Lincoln Dr, Janice M Ratte T and Ratte, Janice M to Tompkins, Maria, 12/15, \$305,000

8 Country Club Dr, Cook, Jesse C to Duncan, Del-Lloyd and Ledwith-Duncan, Maria M, 12/14, \$200,000

15 Quakertown Mdns, Green Falls Associates to Sullivan, Patrick J and Sullivan, Bridget M, 12/13, \$442,800

28 Overlook Rd, Cassabria, Christina to Vasquez, Samuel, 12/16, \$224,000

32 Laurel Leaf Dr, Edwards, Carolyn to Rivera-Campusano, Anthony and Olivo-Hernandez, Maoly M, 12/16, \$240,000

56 Bittersweet Dr, Schweers, Olivia M and Schweers, Mathew J to Redden, Thomas R and Redden, Kayla M, 12/14, \$424,900

68 Vinegar Hill Rd, Carlson, Eric and Peckham, May to Crew, Daniel S and Persson, Solveig A, 12/13, \$347,000

180 Gallup Hill Rd, Integrity Properties Grp to Burke, Robert E, 12/14, \$24,900

476 Colonel Ledyard Hwy, Oddo, Paul J and Oddo, Roni M to Turchetti, Christopher, 12/13, \$260,000

544 Colonel Ledyard Hwy, Warner Homes LLC to Hago, Halim J and McNary, Coral, 12/15, \$90,000

1538 Route 12 Lot B14, Roy 3rd, Normad J to Morey, Olivia, 12/16, \$125,000

LISBON

150 Bushanell Rd, Dudek, Stephanie L and Dudek, Brian R to Cunningham, Lizanne, 12/13, \$820,000

363 River Rd, Hillside Partners LLC to Ceccarel Properties LLC, 12/13, \$360,000

LITCHFIELD

Baldwin Hill Rd, Anderson, David E and Crompton, Kristine R to Jayme Rickman T and Rickman, Jayme, 12/17, \$125,000

8 Andre Dr, Dipalma, Ralph to Dipalma, Ralph, 12/16, \$30,000

8 Andre Dr, Dipalma, Ralph to Ram Property Mgmt LLC, 12/16, \$200,000

9 Andre Dr, Dipalma, Ralph to Ram Property Mgmt LLC, 12/16, \$200,000

12 Andre Dr, Dipalma, Ralph to Ram Property Mgmt LLC, 12/16, \$200,000

14 White Rd, Bochicchio, Andrea and Bochicchio, John L to Zayas, Marco and Zayas, Rebecca, 12/17, \$279,900

21 Sarkka Ln, Morris, Marshall W to Morris, Julian S, 12/14, \$225,000

28 Whiskers Ln, Lazarus Enterprises LLC to M T Paszczuk Family IRT and Paszczuk, Maria T, 12/14, \$70,000

195 East St, 195 East Street LLC to Scibilia, Suzanne M, 12/13, \$210,000

476 Milton Rd, Kennedy, Larry I and Kennedy, Sueann M to Lindemann, Kimberly A and Lindemann Jr, Louis J, 12/14, \$380,000

MADISON

26 Markham Pl, Car Wash Realty LLC to Le, Andrew and Temchine-Le, Maura, 12/13, \$913,959

43 Shorelands Dr, Hjerpe, Stephen A to Dattilo, Jennifer, 12/13, \$1,050,000

MANCHESTER

15 Westerly St, Blakie Realty LLC to Elsayed, Abdelrahman and Abdalla, Kamelia, 12/13, \$335,000

33 Oleary Dr, Berthaut, Christina A to Garcia, Krystal N, 12/13, \$208,000

163 Walek Farms Rd, Hatzikostasntis, Michael and Hatzikostasntis, Dionysia M to Carey, Sarah C, 12/13, \$360,000

181 Glenwood St, Zinsser, Eric W and Zinsser, Catherine A to Gowdy, Donald and Bourn-Gowdy, Katherine, 12/13, \$260,000

MARLBOROUGH

5 Garden Ln, Sanclemente, Alexis and Barboda, Viviana A to Folston Jr, Charles E and Mitchell, Christina M, 12/13, \$264,000

15 Heritage Dr, Gray, Joshua D and Gray, Erika L to Smith, Julie A and Harrison, Erica A, 12/16, \$420,000

MIDDLEBURY

22 Highridge Rd Lot 22, Janice M Smolen IRT and Smolen, Mitchell J to Giannini, Dawn F, 12/16, \$500,000

36 Richardson Dr, Cronin, Gavin and Cronin, Rachel to Hall, Austin, 12/17, \$220,000

44 Middlebury Ter, Ranganathan, Rajesh and Seshadri, Sriaranjani to Wells, Daniel L, 12/14, \$215,000

58 Shadduck Rd, Carrano, Michele R to Dedes Custom Builder LLC, 12/17, \$200,000

81 Ridgewood Dr Lot 81, Olive, Lindsay R and Olive, Zachary C to Scagnelli, Gregory and Scagnelli, Laura, 12/17, \$525,000

179 Ridgewood Dr Lot 179, CT 2 Toll Partnership to Kelly, Patricia E and Kelly, Philip B, 12/14, \$677,097

12 Green Hill Rd, Jack, Michelle D and O Jack, Terry R to Marques, Christopher J and Marques, Shana A, 12/14, \$530,000

MIDDLETOWN

Flynn Ln, Osorio, Mary K to Gervais, Melinda, 12/10, \$424,000

Hickory Cir, Lyding, Ryan to Gruber, Victoria, 12/9, \$280,500

Sherman Lee Dr, Mccabe, Matthew F and Mccabe, Jennifer to Hannon, Anthony, 12/3, \$341,000

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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and Barletti, Terri, 12/13, \$1,126,000
181 Old Branchville Rd, Zaleswski, Steven and Zaleswski, Barbara E to Fennessey T and Fennessey, Kevin J, 12/14, \$1,061,250
230 Barrack Hill Rd, Becker, Valerie R to Reiser, Anne and Reiser, Kenneth, 12/15, \$575,000
290 Ridgebury Rd, Brussels, Stephen J and Hao, Bryan K to Hutner, Eric S and Weiss, Marlene T, 12/13, \$1,230,000

ROCKY HILL

Westmeadow Rd, Nowakowski, Paul E to Leavitt, Earle J and Leavitt, Helena B, 12/9, \$320,000
6 McIntosh Cir Lot 6, Gonsalves, Daniel to Noble Jr, Edward S and Lefoll, Tammy L, 12/10, \$205,000
35 Maxwell Dr Lot 35, Driscoll, William T and Driscoll, Nancy to Purciello, Robert and Purciello, Rita, 12/10, \$395,000

SALEM

81 Corrina Ln, Johnson, Jennifer and Johnson, Jeffrey to Simes-Vandersloot, Natasha, 12/13, \$482,000
370 Darling Rd, Mullin, Christine E to Brown 4th, Thomas A and Kearns, Allyson R, 12/16, \$360,000

SALISBURY

87 Canaan Rd Lot 6D, Gaskin, Carol L and Falls, Debra G to Casey, Sara and Sacks, Julian, 12/13, \$335,000
210 Between The Lakes Rd, Mcdevitt, Brian to Seyfried, Bryan and Seyfried, Page, 12/13, \$1,475,000

SEYMOUR

25 Balance Rock Rd Lot 11, Tabaka, Bozena to Licari Properties LLC, 12/13, \$133,900
28 Moss Ave, Jones, Franki J and Jones, Melissa J to Zeilik, Maryann and Warsnick, Sarah A, 12/14, \$415,000
37 Balance Rock Rd Lot 17, Akbas, Soledad and Rumeli, Marcela B to Perez, Keidy, 12/13, \$135,000
59 Knorr Ave, Santoro, Todd and Chauppong, Prattachane to Kassas, Joseph and Kassas, Patricia, 12/15, \$383,000

SHARON

39 Sharon Mountain Rd, John W Burkhardt RET and Burkhardt, John W to Rokeby Farm LLC, 12/15, \$2,500,000
91 Main St, H&R Holdings LLC to Vivace Holdings LLC, 12/13, \$550,000

SHELTON

Hawks Rdg Lot 15, Hawks Ridge Of Shelton to Andrade, Joao F and Andrade, Maria J, 12/14, \$323,860
4 Trout Creek Rd Lot 4, Balko, Alexander S and Balko, Madeline L to Galindo, Vincente and Galindo, Barbara, 12/16, \$779,900
15 Sanford Dr, Stewart Sr, David and Stewart, Michelle to Lucky, Whitney P and Bleck, Joseph, 12/16, \$375,000
16 Sycamore Dr, Prior, Jeffrey J and Prior, Denise H to Mondesir, Gabriel and Mondesir, Johane, 12/13, \$509,000
21 Ojibwa Rd, Spinetti Jr, John A and Spinetti, Linda A to Desouza, Charlotte N and Desouza, David H, 12/14, \$325,000
31 Country Walk Lot 31, Anderson, Stephen to Alceia, Nelly, 12/17, \$330,000
33 Wopowog Trl, Harayda, Robert and Harayda, Kathleen to Trdevaj, Adrianburin, 12/16, \$300,000
41 Cloverdale Ave, Cheng, Benjamin Y to Iannitti, Victoria and Petrie, Justin, 12/16, \$570,000
60 Woodfield Dr, Palmer Jr, James J to Ribeiro, Wesley F and Dequeiroz-Ribeiro, Karla, 12/14, \$410,000
61 Matilda Ln, Sainrillus, Noel and Sainrillus, Edienne to Anguloacastro, Ronny and Masis, Cindy R, 12/15, \$450,000
65 Country Pl Lot 65, Milka, Tirupathi to Fraser, Dwayne, 12/14, \$280,300
76 Katherine Ct Lot 76, Bensonmuller, Brigitte to Gjuraj, Gjergj and Gjuraj, Lidija, 12/16, \$340,000
231 Summerfield Gdns Lot 231, Henderson, Joan M to Curwen Sr, Robert P and Curwen, Catherine, 12/17, \$407,000
315 Shelton Ave, Dib, Hadia to Rothman, Eric R, 12/15, \$315,000
363 Waverly Rd, Rodia, Kevin and Rodia, Paula to Galasso, Michael and Parslow, Bethany, 12/13, \$600,000
38a Howe Ave, Reichelshheimer, Jay to Patel, Mitul, 12/16, \$150,000
464 Long Hill Ave, Mol, Maria to Kaczynski, David D, 12/16, \$400,000
493 Bridgeport Ave, EPC International Inc to Alka LLC, 12/17, \$450,000
520 Long Hill Ave, Frolish, Robert E and Frolish, Cheryl A to Ibrahim, Ahmed, 12/13, \$365,000

SHERMAN

149 Route 39 S, Gruber, Rebecca to Salerno, Eugene, 12/14, \$229,000

SIMSBURY

N/A, Franco Jr, Pablo J and Franco-Medero, Mirna I to Nofereet I LP, 12/13, \$102,000
1 West St Lot 123, Conley Odette M Est and Conley, Jerome M to Williams, Margaret B, 12/14, \$267,500
2 Carson Way, Carson Way LLC to Ledet Conway LT and Conway, Maureen A, 12/13, \$616,266
2 Kerr Farm Rd, Tranter, Vivienne L to Plette, Marc, 12/16, \$370,000
14 Barons Ct Lot 14, Pomarico, John and Pomarico, Diane to Cassella, Lawrence H and Cassella, Patricia S, 12/14, \$553,000
24 Wood Duck Ln Lot 24, Fortness Properties LLC to Cloutier, Paul and Spellman-Cloutier, K, 12/15, \$270,000
26 Crescent Way, Cave, Robert to Hartley, Marc and Hartley, Kati, 12/13, \$289,000
26 Woodlot Rd, Blomquist, Jonathan J to Arango, Peter L and Arango, Mary F, 12/14, \$260,000
59 Holcomb St, Salch, Lois P to Lockshier, Anna H and Lockshier, Michael T, 12/13, \$240,000
81 Woodland St, Jones, Sarah E to Nigro,

Thomas and Nigro, Laura, 12/14, \$237,000
247 Stratton Brook Rd, Sylvia Brimmer T and Harm, Elizabeth B to Joyce, Caroline, 12/14, \$101,000
969 Homestead St, Iron Horse LLC to Freedom Horse LLC, 12/13, \$875,000

SOMERS

Whisper Woods Dr, Mitchell, Brian A and Mitchell, Marcia L to Walsh Jr, James and Walsh, Beth A, 11/30, \$501,000
7 Bugbee Ln, Pagani, Christine M and Corrivae, Robert A to Leslie, Evan W and Burby, Katelynn E, 12/2, \$306,000
16 Deerfield Rd, Heaton Donald A Jr Est and Charette, Patricia to Youngblood Realty LLC, 12/2, \$74,000
16 Deerfield Rd, Charette, Patricia and Jacius, Barbara to Youngblood Realty LLC, 12/2, \$148,000
38 Rose Haven Rd, Kober, Philip to Ostrander, Melissa M, 12/14, \$245,000
88 Sokol Rd Lot 11, McCloskey Sr, William J and McCloskey, Wendy L to Fusco, Gary, 12/6, \$178,000
271 Billings Rd, Lohlun, John C to Bilodeau, Ronald L and Bilodeau, Lisa J, 11/24, \$115,000
279 Billings Rd, Lohlun, John C to Bilodeau, Ronald L and Bilodeau, Lisa J, 11/24, \$115,000

SOUTH WINDSOR

N/A, Robert S Mattfs LT and Mattess, Robert S to Same Day Awards LLC, 12/13, \$80,000
6 Saint Marc Cir Lot O, Annibalini, Diane to Koppissetty, Nagabhushana R, 12/13, \$282,600
43 Laurel St, Woodward, Yvette J to 132 Laurel Street LLC, 12/7, \$379,000
50 Cody Cir, Barall, Douglas T and Bank Of New York Mellon to Bank New York Mellon Tr, 12/10, \$265,000
72 Palmer Dr, Schaffner Maureen R Est and Barisano, Colleen to Hall, Alicia and Velasquez, Diego, 12/13, \$325,000
96 Stonefield Trl, Ainsworth, James T and Ainsworth, Nancy H to Fleury, Devan M and Fleury, Philip O, 12/14, \$467,000
170 Northview Dr, Clay, Julie and Flaherty, Karen to H&I Property LLC, 12/13, \$230,000
949 Pleasant Valley Rd Lot 10-5, Rivera, Angel and Rivera, Anthony to Green, Kinsley and Green, Baron, 12/7, \$80,000
982 Main St, Klein, Stefan H to Ridgeland Farms LLC, 12/7, \$262,500

SOUTHBURY

Heritage Vlg Lot B, Marino, Valerie R and Marino, Marie A to Powers, Barbara, 12/13, \$165,000
171 Heritage Vlg Lot B, Rada T and Rada, Ronald R to Neary, Francis C and Neary, Alice M, 12/13, \$295,000
SOUTHTONING
Carter Ln, Norman Jr, Edward F to Ayers, Heather A, 12/6, \$280,000
26 Holly Hill Dr, Canterbury, William A and Canterbury, Sherry L to Mitchell, Maxwell and Mitchell, Kristen, 12/6, \$480,000

STAFFORD

Boyer Rd, Kirch Rudolph A Est and Kirch, Susan A to Robert, Christopher G and Robert, Julie A, 12/15, \$10,000
12 Lake View Ter, Pippin Jr, Charles F and Pippin, Sharon M to A Thru Z LLC, 12/9, \$100,000
33 Center St, Roussey Dennis K and Roussey, Daniel K to Consoli, Andrew and Henderson, Taylor, 12/15, \$110,000
51 W Main St, Equity T Co to Jones, Leilani E, 12/14, \$195,000
62 Park St, Nikolov, Nicholas to Sweeney, Susan and Miner, Randy, 12/13, \$154,000
92 Furnace Ave Lot 81, Beauregard, Kathleen J to Kessler, Elizabeth D and Kessler, Donald F, 12/9, \$220,000
92 Furnace Ave Lot 18, Glenville Dev Corp to Klecak, Winifred S, 12/15, \$282,436
145 Colburn Rd, Soucy, Patrick D and Soucy, Pamela J to 145 Colburn Road LLC, 12/9, \$160,000
154 Westford Hill Rd, L&M Prop Holdings LLC to Fdnfn Solutions Of NE LLC, 12/9, \$25,000
173 Hampden Rd, Breton, Andrew to Pioneer Vly Art Space Inc, 12/14, \$80,000

STAMFORD

Fairfield Ave Lot 1, Peters, Cynthia D to 31 Hanrahan LLC, 12/13, \$60,000
N/A, Hunter, Kenneth M to Livolsi, Christopher, 12/17, \$1,575,000
3 Calder Bridge Dr Lot 2, Basone, Michael A and Basone, Pina F to Drew, Steven and Drew, Newman, 12/16, \$1,475,000
16 Bouton St E Lot C7, Schmukler, Maya and Schmukler, Aaron to Speriglio, Marylou and Speriglio, Charles, 12/16, \$400,000
16 Pond Rd, Fino, Dean and Fino, Mireli to Foster, Shelli, 12/15, \$605,000
18 Oenoke Pl Lot 6, Strauss, Alex M and Strauss, Jaclyn S to Arboleda, Lady, 12/14, \$431,000
21 Revere Dr Lot 3, Jaime, Fabio and Saavedra, Maria A to Morales, Jilisa R, 12/17, \$230,000
23 Prudence Dr, Smith, Daryl R and Smith, Tennille to King, Ksenia J and King, Tanner D, 12/14, \$655,000
24 Cantwell Ave, GR Cantwell LLC to 24 L Cantwell LLC, 12/13, \$440,000
25 Forest St Lot 5B, Garbien, Danielle and Garbien, Timothy to Lerner, Elise, 12/14, \$445,000
25 Saint Benedict Cir, Ulloa, Ezequiel P and Ulloa, Maria A to Rahman, Aminur and Akter, Nasrin, 12/17, \$632,000
27 Half Moon Way, Pell, Geri E to Knowlton, Susan, 12/17, \$1,600,000
27 Lewellyn Rd, Dinter, Carol E to 27 Lewellyn LLC, 12/13, \$212,000
27 Northill St Lot 4H, Alieva, Mahabbat to Mammadov, Seymur, 12/13, \$180,000
27 Plymouth Rd, Kachaluba Anne A Est and Ferrero, Eileen to Gonzalez, Michelle and Chavez, Albert, 12/14, \$435,000
31 Randall Ave, Icap LLC to C&P Professional Svcs LLC, 12/16, \$885,000
44 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 1P, Varga-Zsager, Peter to Kazemi, Alireza, 12/17, \$230,500

45 Columbus Pl Lot 18, Sandalo, Paul R to Bermeo, Manuel A and Palmieri, Catarina, 12/15, \$280,000
53 Ashton Rd, Huyhua, Antonio and Huyhua, Clumy to Louis, Jean and Dorestant, Dieuna, 12/17, \$600,000
54 London Ln, Leach, Alexander D to Nakamura, Shuji and Higgins, Reginald E, 12/13, \$586,000
55 Waterview Way Lot 55, Strassburger, Philipp C and Northcutt, Brandy L to Pomerance, Hy and Pomerance, Susan, 12/16, \$1,325,000
59 Crystal Lake Rd, Speriglio, Charles and Speriglio, Mary L to 111 Woodbury LLC, 12/14, \$325,000
59 Old Orchard Ln, Josephine M Vitti IRT and Bove, Alberta to Marroquin-Mossa, Tina, 12/13, \$835,000
71 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 715, Damianov, Gueorgui D to Cardone, Pasquale J, 12/16, \$170,000
86 Wildwood Rd Lot 12, Maidenbaum, Nathan and Maidenbaum, Julia to Worsham, Brittain M and Bonafes, Steven C, 12/17, \$1,100,000
86 Wildwood Rd Lot 11, Maidenbaum, Nathan and Maidenbaum, Julia to Worsham, Brittain M and Bonafes, Steven C, 12/17, \$1,100,000
88 Maple Tree Ave Lot F, Topalian, Noha B and Topalian, Antoine to Hairabedian, Aram, 12/13, \$710,000
91 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 628, Castro, Juan M to Barrios, Brian J and Barrios, Maria C, 12/16, \$228,000
91 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 829, Damodaran, Raghavan and Parthasarathy, Sweta to Carrasco, Anna, 12/17, \$224,900
91 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 434, Begetis, Katherine to Bartosiewicz, Iwona, 12/17, \$195,000
96 Skymeadow Dr, Solis, Henry and Solis, Terry R to Ghosh, Sankar and Sengupta, Dola, 12/16, \$1,400,000
98 Snow Crystal Ln, Amin Construction LLC to Sen, Rohini and Eghoff, Peter, 12/17, \$892,000
106 Old Barn Rd N, Rodriguez, Jose A to Rodriguez, Joseph A and Laracuent, Daila E, 12/15, \$590,000
110 Fishing Trl, Springfield, Christopher D and Springfield, Diana A to Reed, Christopher, 12/17, \$865,000
112 Prospect St Lot B, Courtside LLC to JMX 112 Prospect St LLC, 12/16, \$725,000
122 Richmond Hill Ave, Felican, Manette D to 21 Taylor Ave LLC, 12/14, \$550,000

130 Myrtle Ave Lot F, Dorismond, Jean M and Dorismond, Valery L to Nickelson, Eric, 12/15, \$309,000
137 Shadow Ridge Rd, Monick, Donna R to Keyser, Alyse Y, 12/13, \$510,000
154 Cold Spring Rd Lot 82, 154 Cold SPR Road 82 LLC to Patricia Wells Schultz T and Schultz, Patricia W, 12/16, \$285,000
154 Cold Spring Rd Lot 86, Shiv, Sarower to Cole, Donald, 12/16, \$250,000
189 Southfield Ave, Palkimas, Judith A to Colandro, Daniel J and Colandro, Ann, 12/17, \$350,000
195 Highview Ave, Gjuraj, Lidija and Gjuraj, Gjergj to Grabar, Maksym and Henry, Sonia I, 12/15, \$390,000
248 Culloden Rd, Deleon, Hector and Rivera, Gloria to Huang, Zhe, 12/14, \$425,000
249 Fairfield Ave, Peters, Cynthia D to Rahim, Mohammed E, 12/13, \$690,000
234 Cove Rd, Meriwether Lewis S Est and Meriwether, Nahid F to Ahmed, Mokther, 12/14, \$465,000
274 Sylvan Knoll Rd, Anderson, Francine S to Thorn Jr, Matthew, 12/16, \$215,000
296 Silver Hill Ln, Amiti, Elidon to Veshaj, Arbi and Veshaj, Brunilda, 12/14, \$800,000
311 Janes Ln, Koschnitzke, Paul and Koschnitzke, Melanie to Molinari, Allison, 12/13, \$689,000
655 Stillwater Rd, 1st Chrch Of Christ Scien to First Cong Chrch Of Stamf, 12/16, \$1,500,000
757 W Main St, TD Bank NA to Hanna, Raymond, 12/16, \$130,000
154 Long Ridge Rd Lot 4, Seger, Michael C and Seger, Maura E to Meyer, Samuel A and Meyer, Destini, 12/17, \$621,000
2289 Bedford St Lot H4, Hassija, Rahul B and Hassija, Poonam R to Monick, Stephen, 12/15, \$415,000
2475 Summer St Lot 31, Zenobia Belniak RET and Belniak, Zenobia to Harrell, Jill, 12/16, \$185,000

STERLING

523 Porter Pond Rd, Medeiros, Trent P to Letendre, Devon, 12/16, \$312,900

STONINGTON

Almer Montauk Ave, Katherine E Greecey RET and Greeley, Katherine E to Greeley, John M, 12/10, \$450,000

STRATFORD

307 Court D, J A Lanham&Pking Revolv T and Success Vgt Apt Inc to Gomez, Joel, 12/10, \$48,000
533 Narragansett Ln Lot A, Schwartz, Thelma L to Harmon, Carey and Harmon, Lois, 12/9, \$375,000
SUFFIELD
12 Matthew Dr, Briarwood Homes Inc to Davis, John A and Davis, Tracey L, 12/6, \$867,685
14 Pebblestone Cir Lot 14, Gervais, Mark and Gervais, Laurie to Tardy, Elaine, 12/3, \$198,000

THOMASTON

32 Stumpf Ave, Reilly, Tamara A to Thornton, Stacey, 12/14, \$187,500
37 Stevens Blvd Lot 37, Long Horizon Dev LLC to Toupsonse Jr, George G, 12/14, \$240,000
143 Pine Hill Rd Lot 22B, Welton, Douglas W and Welton, Holly N to Salfisch, Elizabeth E, 12/14, \$118,500
510 Northfield Rd, Siepmann, Barry W and Siepmann, Dawn M to Ouellette, Joseph J and Ouellette, Daniela J, 12/14, \$348,000

THOMPSON

1 Heritage Cir, Hudon, Theodore L and Hudon, Sharon H to Johns, Kassandra E and Abfondi, Luke, 12/15, \$525,000
25 Klondike St, Blanchette, Sandra L to Mayer, Joshua, 12/15, \$265,000
32 Indian Inn Rd, Mountford Const LLC to Wheeler, James W, 12/13, \$370,000
45 Ziejski Rd, Route 193 Inc J M Bldrs to Raymond, Wade, 12/15, \$137,000

TOLLAND

59 Neff Hill Rd, Owl Ridge LLC to Peters, Brock and Peters, Janelle, 12/14, \$156,500
74 Merlot Way, Schrijn, Stephen A and Schrijn, Mary F to Castillon, Otavaro M and Fomnegra-Ortiz, Aller S, 12/13, \$260,000
TORRINGTON
N/A Lot 10, Reed, Eric to Borges, Darinel F and Borges, Eufemia T, 12/14, \$225,000
14 E Main St, 14-18 East Main St LLC to 3Pea Torrington Hldg LLC, 12/13, \$350,000
14 Sherman St, Rovero, David M and Rovero, Kristy to Richards, Dominic R and Caceres-Osorio, Andres R, 12/13, \$170,306
22 Hornfisher Ter, Romaniello, Theresa A to Silva, Jose A, 12/13, \$195,000
25 George St, Sullivan, Brian and Sullivan, Joyce to Kurtaj, Senad, 12/14, \$120,000
49 Barton St, Delaney, Samantha J and Delaney Jr, Robert P to Reyna, Manuel E and Muentes, Aguedita C, 12/13, \$239,000
53 Farnham Ave, Trumbull, Kevin M and Trumbull, Kim D to Voegler, Leigh A and Voegler, Gregory, 12/14, \$235,000
53 Hunter Ct Lot 53, George, Clarissa to Bodnar, Jill G, 12/15, \$155,000
63 Albany St, Martin, Jesse T and Martin, Jessica E to Wellnitz, Deana and Wellnitz, Gregory, 12/13, \$222,000
79 Wolcott Ave, Truskoski, Elaine to Chimo-Villa, Jairo R and Chimo-Sarmento, Manuel M, 12/13, \$225,000
110 Berkshire Oval Lot 110, Kearney Edna I Est and Ross, Donna L to Sartirana, David L and Sartirana, Amy B, 12/13, \$140,000
278 S Main St, Zenobia, Eugenien and Wegeles, Chazz to Benjamin, Daniel and Benjamin, Nikesha, 12/14, \$179,900
321 Migeon Ave, Rozbicki Zbigniew S Est

and Rozbicki, Zbigniew M to Montesdeoca, Adrian I, 12/13, \$175,000
345 Andrews St, Knox, Robert B to Lambert, Jay C, 12/13, \$160,000
667 New Harwinton Rd, Bard, Bertrand J to Farmer, Justin P and Farmer, Alicia E, 12/15, \$275,000
839 Main St Lot 66, Erin Margaret Peters T and Peters, William E to Dahne, Harrison E, 12/14, \$95,000
1229 Winsted Rd Lot 85, Miller, Diane M to Pinho, Haley, 12/14, \$150,000
1229 Winsted Rd Lot 128, USA HUD to Mankoski, Irene, 12/13, \$125,000

TRUMBULL

N/A, Rowan Properties LLC to Rural Properties LLC, 12/14, \$1,200,000
11 Barnswallow Dr, Carmolingo, Richard and Kuruc, Lynn to Hoyuen, Kin, 12/14, \$520,000
18 Hillston Rd, Capozzi, Leonard A to Walsh, Hannelore, 12/15, \$534,000
21 Beech St, Mcdonald, James and Macdonald, Lisa to Gallego-Mejia, Wilmer A and Noguera, Yulieth H, 12/16, \$475,000
53 Copper Kettle Rd, Lovanio Sr, Richard G to Gavern, Tracy A, 12/15, \$700,000
60 Lillian Dr, 60 Lillian Drive LLC to Lillian Drive LLC, 12/13, \$710,000
439 Church Hill Rd, Moran, Jonue to Chowdhury, Nadim and Yem, Judy, 12/13, \$519,950
5380 Main St, Stevens, Bonnieann M to Bruderman, Barbara, 12/13, \$300,000

VERNON

12 Highland Ave, Sousa, Mark to Castle, Nicholas, 11/10, \$299,900
15 Talcott Ave, Bombaci, Jonathan to White, Joshua, 11/8, \$240,000
31 Cemetery Rd, Grotton Gerald Est and Werner, Elizabeth to Berthiaume, Kurt, 11/8, \$160,000
33 Bancroft Pl, Albert, Elizabeth to Albert, Jesse, 11/10, \$160,000
57 Franklin St, Stanley Patrick Est and Stanley, Timothy to Shi, Xuetao and Zhang, Nan, 11/10, \$170,000
60 Old Town Rd Lot 168, Burek, Maciej to Alcazar, Michael, 11/12, \$125,000
60 Old Town Rd Lot 201, Cranick, Cheryl to Rachakonda, Vamshi, 11/8, \$175,000
78 Maple Ave, Willis, Benjamin to Edelson, Scott, 11/9, \$227,000
100 Dobson Rd Lot 6, Rodin, Sophia to Foster, Janet, 11/8, \$275,000

WALLINGFORD

1 Old Woods Rd, Smith, Diane M to Demilio, Michael and Godi, Marissa, 12/16, \$335,000
4 Broadmeadow Rd Lot 4, Li, Zhuyin and Ouyang, Jiangbo to Truong, Trinh, 12/17, \$459,000
5 Ridge Rd, Stevener, Henry R to Bojka, Dervish, 12/13, \$310,000
9 Simpson Ave, Giamattei, Anthony and Giamattei, Katharine to Lacroix Jr, James A, 12/15, \$247,000
9 Spring St, Summer Hill Holdings LLC to Aguirre, Juan, 12/17, \$335,000
14 Clearview Dr, Krechevsky, David B and Krechevsky, Katherine F to Faustini, Brianna N and Federico Jr, Michael J, 12/15, \$412,500
14 Ridgcrest Rd, Balch, David A and Balch, Jo A to Celone, Joseph R and Heltkie, Mari E, 12/13, \$385,000
17 Pelloni Hlows, Bosco, Wesley to Wuaglian, Francis C, 12/14, \$425,000
48 Church St, Exclusive Home Buyers LLC to Elite Realty Partners LLC, 12/14, \$180,000
48 Spice Hill Dr Lot 48, Gardner, Kacey to Barraco, Robert and Barraco, Rosemarie, 12/17, \$205,100
65 N Plains Industrial Rd Lot 9, ISG Properties LLC to Visinski, Josef F and Viselin, Andrew, 12/14, \$257,923
116 Dibble Edge Rd, Vhristonci Vincent T Est and Gello, Janet to Gawel, Ryan J, 12/15, \$490,000
213 S Orchard St, Saul, Thomas B and Saul, Kathleen M to Shultz, Ryan, 12/13, \$240,000
396 Main St Lot 6, Garikapati, Sarah B and Sakhamuri, Saio L to Deren, Paul and Liscinsky, Linda, 12/16, \$258,000
1002 Yale Ave, Pierf LLC to Santoro Home Improvements, Cude, John W to Lee, Siusan H, 12/17, \$229,900
1168 Yale Ave, Cude, John W to Lee, Siusan H, 12/17, \$229,900
1455 Durham Rd, Cahill, Grant to Tapia-Leon, Carlos C, 12/13, \$220,000

WASHINGTON

15 Myfield Ln, Lindemann, David S and Lindemann, Kimberly to Harlow, Louis R, 12/14, \$309,000

WATERBURY

Citizens Ave, Ward, Dwayne to Lopez, Joshua, 12/17, \$12,000
Stoddard Rd, Sullivan, Edmund R and Sullivan, Barbara J to Jara, Luis A and Jara, Paola E, 12/15, \$260,000
5 Matthews St, Bonilla, Fredis A to Sanchez, Erica M, 12/15, \$214,000
14 Berkshire Rd, Odeh, Husam to Gonzalez, Jorge L, 12/15, \$200,000
14 Green St, 14 Green Street LLC to Aguilar, Stephanie M, 12/15, \$203,000
22 Lee St, Petro Jr, Robert L and Hollister, Jerrie D to Crasilli, Rasheda, 12/17, \$250,000
22 Seymour St, Galvan, Ramon to Benedict, Marjory, 12/16, \$180,000
23 Plaza Ave, Hare, Maurice to Orchard Harvest LLC, 12/15, \$225,000
24 Decico Rd, USA HUD to Zhao, Zhiqian, 12/13, \$156,800
25 Bunker Hill Ave, Charland T and Charland, Glen A to Norwood Partners LLC, 12/14, \$200,000
25 Inman Ave, L Cabrera, Norma B and A Gallego, Laura I to Barahona, Manuel M and Rojas, Rosa C, 12/15, \$35,000
29 Haystack Cir, Penn, Deena and Penn Sr, Billy J to Villavicencio, Jofrey and Villavicencio, Winifer, 12/13, \$340,000
43 Newport Dr, Belso Properties LLC to Holder, Gaynelle, 12/15, \$285,000
43 Ramona Ave, Strileckis, Amanda to Cole, Georgette V, 12/14, \$200,000
43 Theroux Ave, Sanders, Zachary L to Santiago, Helia and Jones, Eric S, 12/16, \$165,000
45 Idylwood Ave, Florida, Paul to Bergstone Mayer, Joshua, 12/15, \$265,000
51 Tracy Ave, Mastrianna, David H and Mastrianna, Gaye M to A Guasco, Segundo A and L Mayancela, Maria P, 12/15, \$250,000
55 Pineridge Rd, Lafamme, Ann M and Frederick, Kathleen A to Mastracchio, Richard, 12/16, \$150,000
58 Kelsey St, Pires, Antonio to Ramall, Mohani, 12/14, \$200,000
80 Englewood Ave, Fairchild, Glenn A and Fairchild, Joanne B to Celesia, Daniela and Celesia, Stephen, 12/13, \$250,000
88 Ives St, Caruso, Galle L to Ives Street Houses LLC, 12/17, \$30,000
90 Oak St, Robin&Paula LLC to Ives Street Houses LLC, 12/17, \$90,000
94 Oak St, Robin&Paula LLC to TML Realty LLC, 12/17, \$30,000
100 Middlefield Ave, Pina, Angel to Morcho, Wilmer R, 12/13, \$135,000
102 Clematis Ave, Torreiro, Joshua E and Torreiro, April E to Roberts, Gay A, 12/17, \$201,000
122 Hillview Ave, Robinson, Frank and Robinson, Erma to Crittenden, Olivia, 12/13, \$160,000
136 Pearl St, Pratt, Brian and Pratt, Hiram to Jara, Cristian and Livicota, Maria N, 12/15, \$20,000
140 Hamden Ave Lot G, Pilch, Susan to Pilch, Susan, 12/17, \$78,700
140 Hamden Ave Lot G, Pilch, Susan to Gonzalez, Edgar, 12/17, \$67,500
140 Joshua Town Rd, Patriot 2 LLC to Mckenzie, Desmond, 12/13, \$345,000
174 Rosengarten Dr, Shepard, Amanda L to Cameran, Yanique S, 12/16, \$263,000
175 Alder St, Thompson David J Sr Est and Nichols, Carrie D to Bhairo, Kristina M, 12/16, \$175,000
184 Heritage Dr, Clarke, Eileen J and Defilio, Darlene to Moreno, Alexander and Moreno, Jessica, 12/15, \$290,000
188 Perkins Ave Lot 1, Mountview Assoc

to Waterbury Townhouse LLC, 12/17, \$1,375,000
213 Chase Ave, Waterbury QSR LLC to Shree Ganeshghe LLC, 12/17, \$2,050,000
267 Moran St, Black, Justin to Perez, Mayra J, 12/14, \$300,000
333 Hitchcock Rd, Pegolo, Vivien C to Waterbury City Of, 12/15, \$175,000
334 Lakewood Rd, Meyers, Ronald and Meyers, Efua to Guerra, Yesica V and Guzman, Alejandro T, 12/15, \$140,000
341 Highland Rd, Bozzuto, Anna R to Rivera, Enrique, 12/17, \$200,000
925 Oronoke Rd Lot 100E, Currier, Frederick L to Mais, Corey D and Hall, Barbara E, 12/17, \$125,000
925 Oronoke Rd Lot 20E, Catapano, Joseph to Fruth, Jean, 12/16, \$215,000
925 Oronoke Rd Lot 25E, Loghmani, Amir and Loghmani, Firoozeh to First Oronoke Assn Inc, 12/17, \$90,000
990 Meriden Rd, Al Meriden Rd Self Storag to Washington Street AF1 LLC, 12/13, \$2,550,000
1021 Pearl Lake Rd, Graves, Tracy to Rivera, Mairym, 12/15, \$200,000
1251 E Main St, Rodrigues, Mario and Fonseca, Jose to Padilla, Hilario A, 12/16, \$180,000
1385 Highland Ave Lot 18A, Sonntag, Eric K to Cortes, Marie, 12/17, \$138,947

WATERFORD

33 Niantic River Rd, Mcintyre, Mathew D and Mcintyre, Rebecca to Andriola, Ann M, 12/10, \$524,000
61 Pepperbox Rd, Andriola, Ann M to Adams, Matthew D and Adams, Emily L

West Hartford

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

23 Seldan Street
West Hartford, CT 06110

To: Maria A. Ferreira 23 Seldan Street West Hartford, CT 06110
Maria A. Ferreira 19 Court Park West Hartford, CT 06119
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W. Washington, DC 20410
WHEREAS, on December 22, 2009, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Mortgage was executed by Maria A. Ferreira as mortgagor in favor of Bank of America, N.A., as mortgagee, and was recorded in the Town of West Hartford on December 28, 2009, in Book 4454, Page 473 (the Mortgage); and
WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and
WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment recorded in the Town of West Hartford on August 15, 2018, Book 5122, Page 1007; previous assignments include Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage, d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated September 17, 2012 recorded on September 24, 2012 in Book 4706, Page 549; Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated September 17, 2012 recorded on November 3, 2014 in Book 4884, Page 81; Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated October 5, 2016 recorded on October 25, 2016 in Book 5022, Page 15; Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company to Bank of America, N.A. dated March 21, 2017 recorded on June 30, 2017 in Book 5066, Page 446; Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated July 28, 2017 recorded on August 9, 2017 in Book 5075, Page 77; Assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company to Bank of America, N.A. dated July 28, 2017 recorded on August 9, 2017 in Book 5075, Page 79; Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company dated August 1, 2017 recorded on August 9, 2017 in Book 5075, Page 81; and
WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the premises described in the Mortgage are no longer occupied by the mortgagors and the balance due on September 23, 2021 was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and has not been restored to currency; and
WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of September 23, 2021 is \$281,283.90; and
WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded in the West Hartford Land Records on October 21, 2021, in Book 5242, Page 1156, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 1:00 PM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:
The land in West Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, described as follows:
Two certain pieces or parcels of land situated in the Town of West Hartford, County of Hartford and State of Connecticut on the southerly side of Seldan Street, known as 23 Seldan Street, being Lots Nos. 43 and 44 on a certain map or plan entitled "Winthrop Manor West Hartford, Conn. Property of D. F. Ahern, Jordan and Select, Managers, 25 Asylum St., Hartford, Conn. Scale 1" = 50' March 1913, A.B. Alderson C.E. 49 Pearl St., Hartford, Conn.," which map or plan is on file in Book of Maps, Volume 1, Page 10 in the Town Clerk's Office of said Town of West Hartford, to which reference may be had.
Said Lots Nos. 43 and 44, taken together, are more particularly bounded and described as follows:
Northerly by Seldan Street, as shown on said Map, one hundred (100) feet;
Easterly by land now or formerly of Camelo Bozzano et al, Lot No. 42, as shown on said map, one hundred (100.00) feet;
Southerly by land now or formerly of Leo J. Grenier et al., and of Alexander J. Zyambi et al, respectively, Lots No. 33 and 34, as shown on said map, partly by each in all of one hundred (100.00) feet; and
Westerly by land now or formerly of John J. Szczepanik et al, Lot No. 45, as shown on said map, one hundred (100.00) feet.
Commonly known as: 23 Seldan Street, West Hartford, CT 06110.
The sale will be held at the property located at 23 Seldan Street, West Hartford, CT 06110. The Secretary reserves the right to adjourn the time and place of the sale by announcement made to those present.
Other Interested Parties:
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by virtue of home equity conversion second mortgage recorded in the Town of West Hartford on December 28, 2009 in Book 4454 Page 484.
The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$218,710.06.
There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary. If the date of the foreclosure sale is after the date of the mortgage, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$21,871.00 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$21,871.00 must be presented before bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.
The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.
If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.
The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement, together with any such other amounts as may be owed as set forth below, are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.
The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale shall include all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.
Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.
Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the sale.
Date: 12/20/2021, Foreclosure Commissioner, John P. Fahey, #305404, 5 Shaw's Cove, Suite 201, New London, CT 06320. Phone: 860-969-0400 Fax: 860-756-8589 File ID#21-03899
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ASK THE BUILDER

Lifting a house to rebuild the foundation

By **Tim Carter**
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Recently, my daughter purchased an old camp summer house on a lake. The house is about 80 years old and was built on crude cinder blocks that just rested on stony soil. Frost heave over the years has caused the doors and windows to not fit well. Otherwise, the house, built using old-growth timber, is in remarkable shape. She asked me: “Dad, can a house like this be salvaged? Can a new poured concrete foundation be poured under it? Can a full basement be put under the house? Will the doors and windows work well again? How’s that accomplished?”

These are all great questions, and the answers vary depending on where the house is located and what lies just inches below the soil.

Just months before my daughter made this new real estate investment, I saw in my own town in central New Hampshire an owner do the same thing. Based on what I witnessed, the house was about the same age as my daughter’s. It’s possible the house in my town was well over 100 years old based on its location and proximity to the town center and railroad tracks. The style and frame construction of the two houses were almost identical.

If you’ve never seen a house moved before, you might think it’s impossible to install a new concrete foundation under an existing house. Not only is it possible, but it’s probably more common than you might think. This process happens out of sight and often on back roads that you might not travel.

The companies that specialize in constructing a new foundation under an existing house are house



This house was temporarily lifted up about 8 feet in the air to allow a new concrete foundation to be poured. **TIM CARTER/TNS**

movers. The process of lifting a house up to move it is the first step in building a new foundation. If the house is not moving off the lot, it’s just a matter of lifting it up high enough so the foundation crew can work comfortably and safely. This often means the house might be lifted 6 to 10 feet in the air.

Each moving company might tackle the job differently. The first step I’ve witnessed is the placement

of four or more concrete footing pads under the house where cribbing will be placed. Cribbing is comprised of giant square 6x6 pieces of oak timbers typically about 42 inches long. Two pieces are placed parallel with one another on the smooth and level concrete and then two more pieces are placed at a 90-degree angle on top of the ends of the first two. This process is repeated until the house is lifted to

the desired height.

The top of these concrete footings is normally placed at the future top of the concrete slab that will be poured in the new crawl-space or basement. It’s critical these footings are at the same height and perfectly level. This makes it easy to place the cribbing with a minimum of shimmiing.

Two or more steel I-beams are then slid under the house and centered on the cribbing. Giant

house-lifting jacks are placed inside the cribbing. The jack pistons are centered under the I-beams. The professionals start to lift the house, making sure to keep it as level as possible. As it goes up in the air, more cribbing is stacked to support the house.

Once the house is high enough in the air, the foundation crews start to work. If the soil is deep enough, they can dig it out using

small machinery that can get under the house. Skilled operators are required so they don’t touch the cribbing.

If bedrock is close to the surface, it may not be possible to place a tall crawl-space or full basement under the house. The house movers in the area almost always know the soil conditions and can manage this expectation before they start to work. You can also dig test pits around the outside of the house to determine the depth of bedrock prior to the house movers showing up.

It doesn’t matter if the house was built square, as the foundation crews use plumb bobs and other tools to ensure the new foundation will match the exact shape of the outer walls of the house that’s suspended above them.

The foundation crews have to install U-shaped notches at the top of at least one wall of the new foundation. These notches are aligned with the steel I-beams that the house floor joists are resting on. Once the new foundation is complete and the house can be lowered onto the new poured concrete foundation, the I-beams need to be pulled out from under the house through these notches.

The notches can then be filled in with concrete blocks or new windows might be placed in these locations. Discuss your options with the house-moving company.

Don’t forget to install excellent foundation waterproofing and drain tile on the outside of the new foundation. It’s also wise to consider radon collection piping. This needs to be placed under the new slab below the house. Consult one or more of the radon maps that can be found with ease on the internet to see if radon is an issue in your area.

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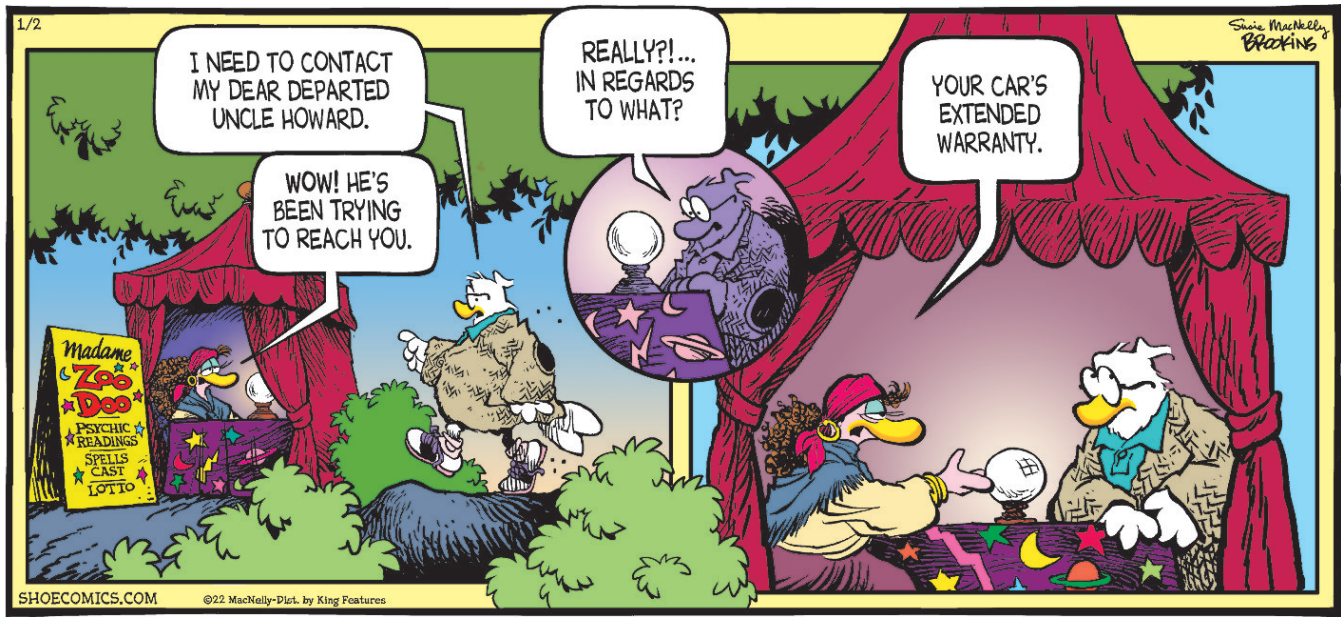
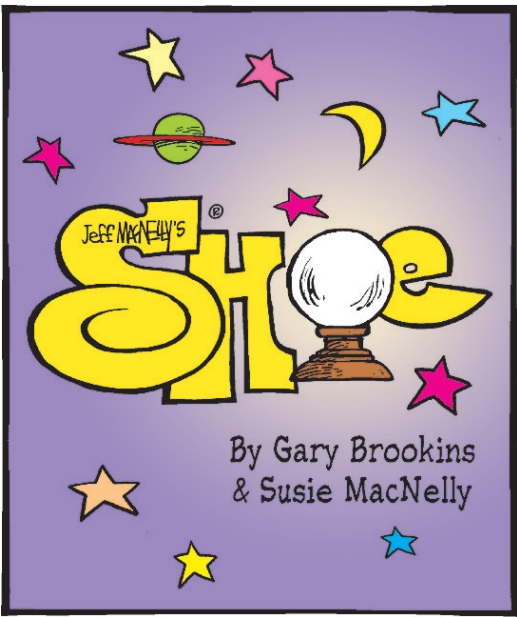
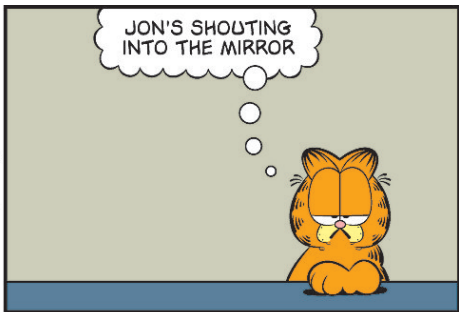
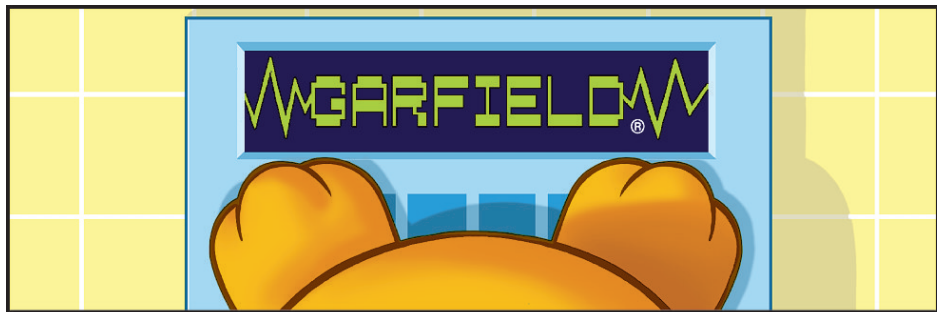
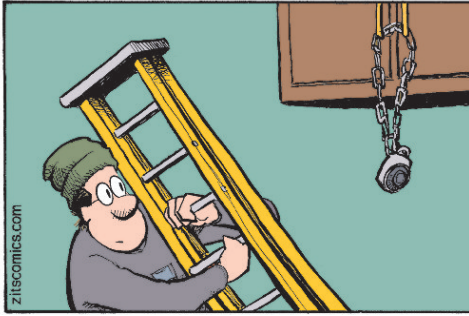
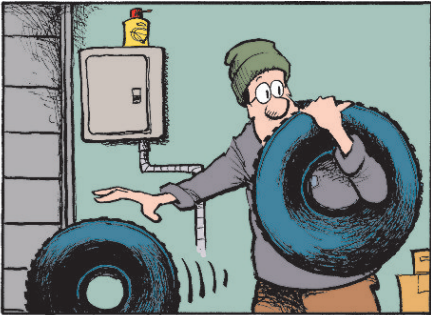
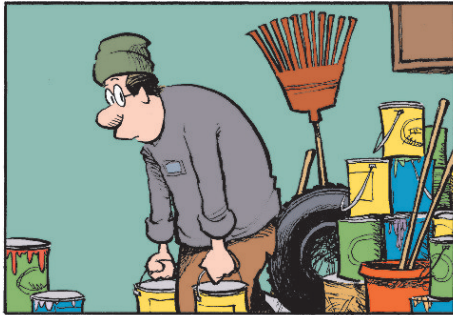
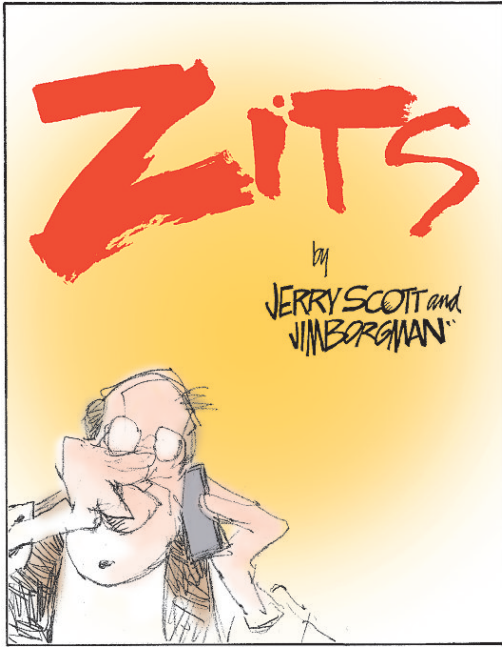
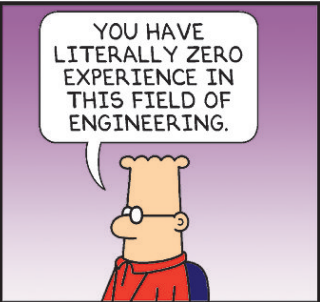
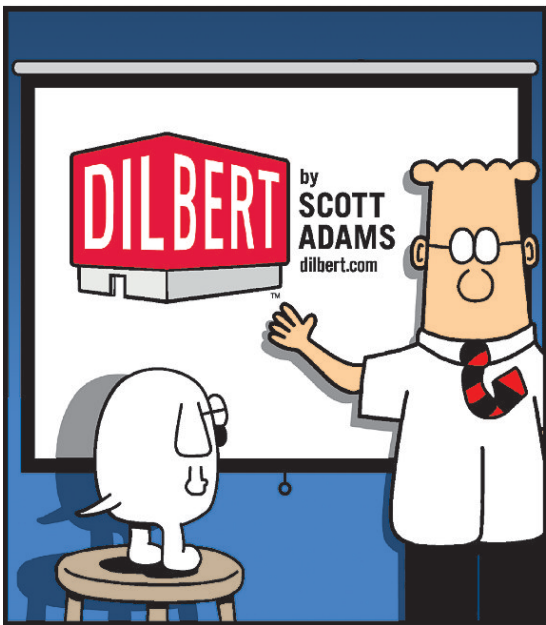
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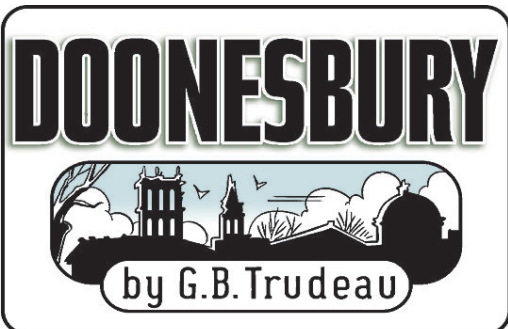
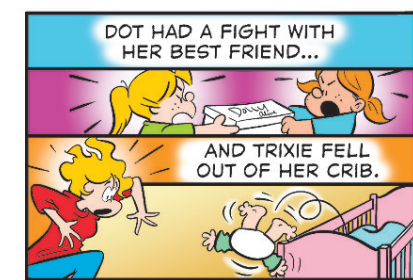
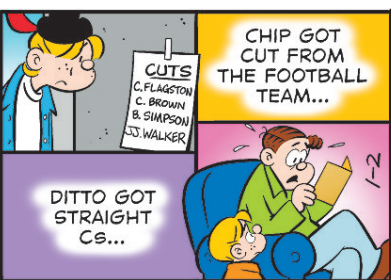
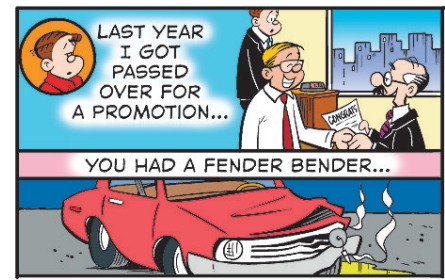
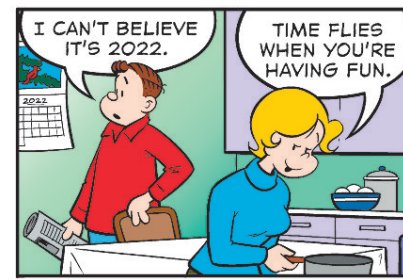
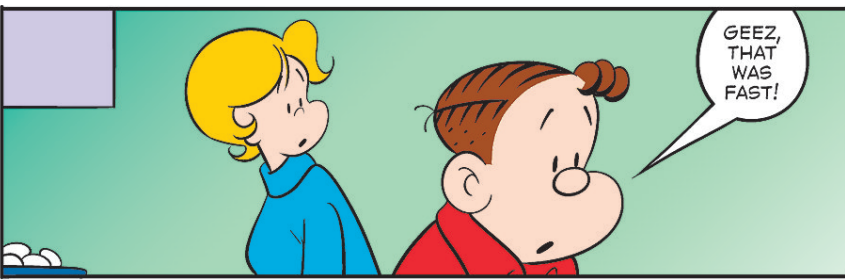
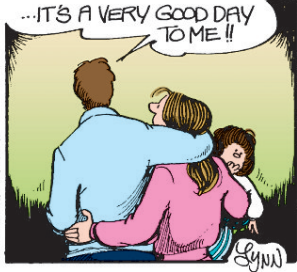
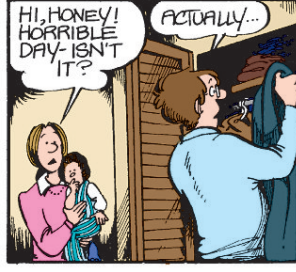
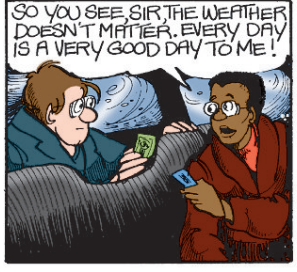
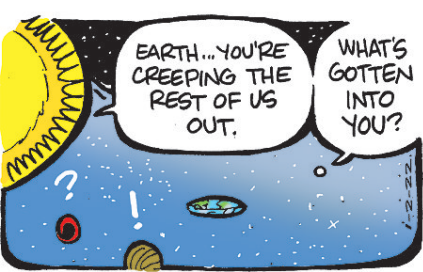
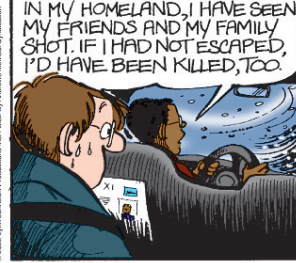
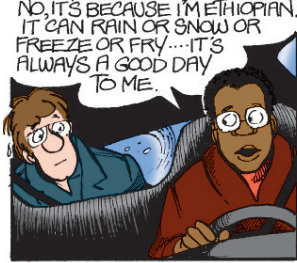
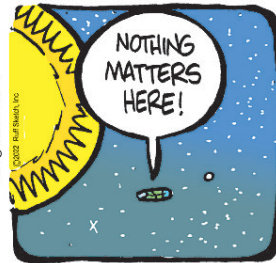
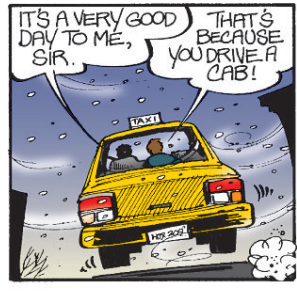
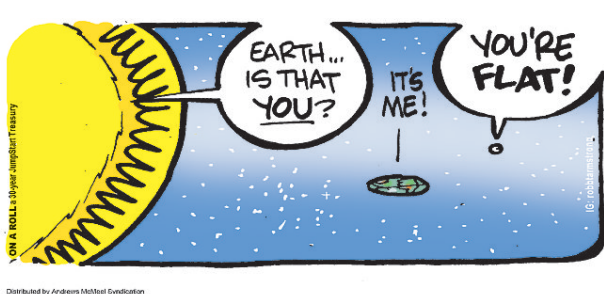
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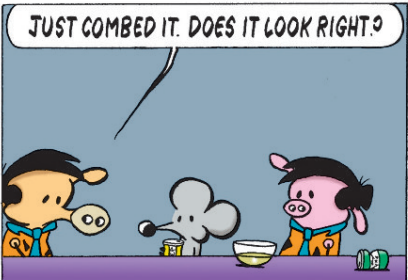


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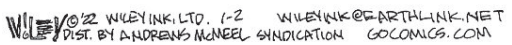
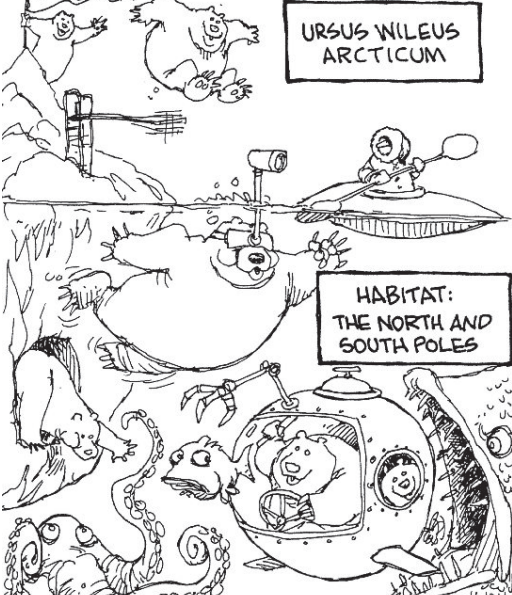
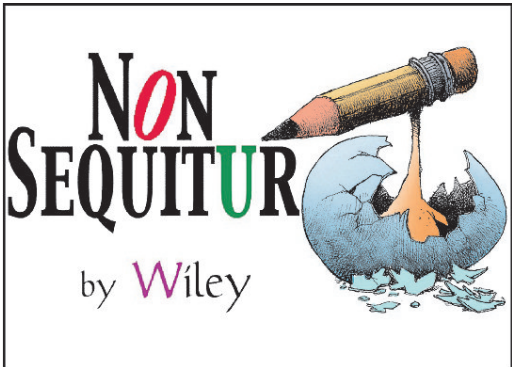
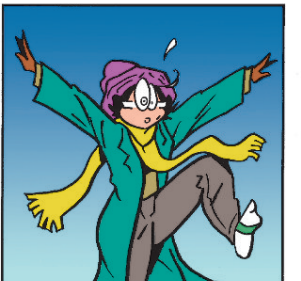
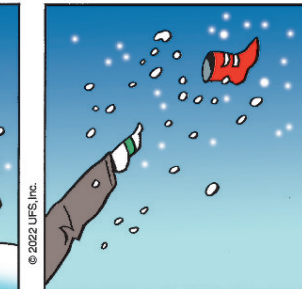
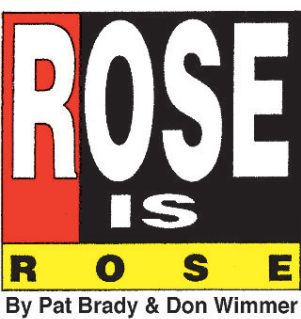
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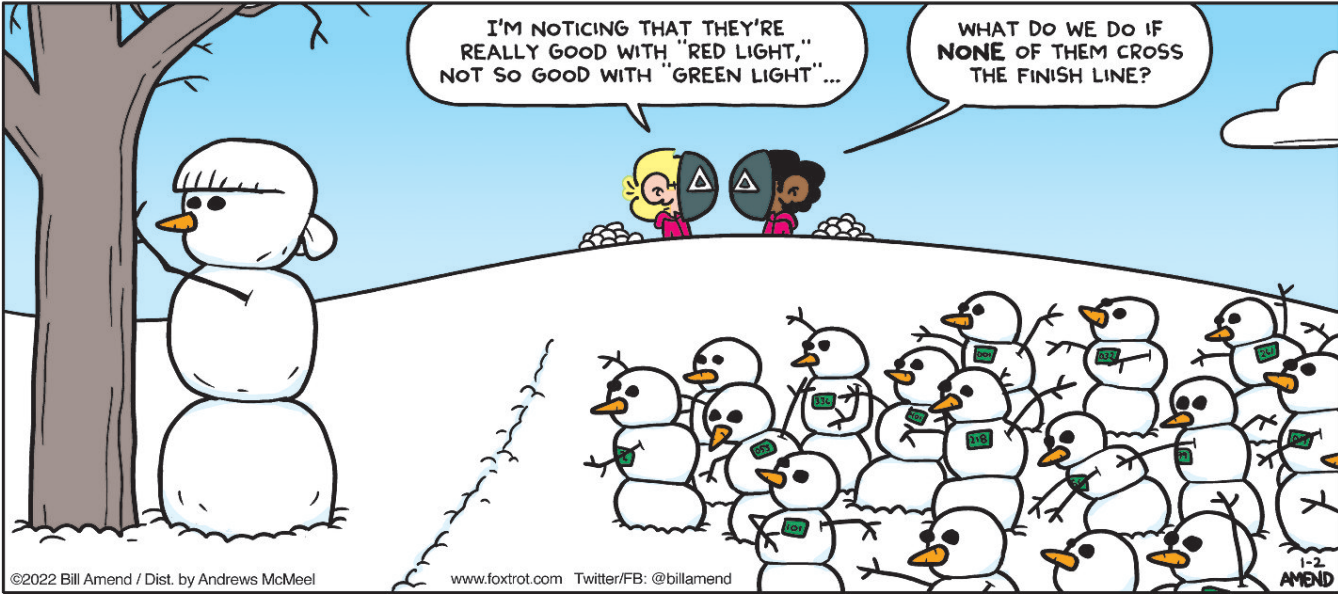


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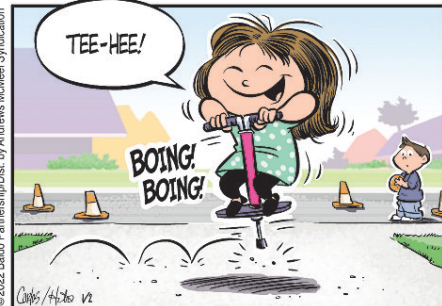
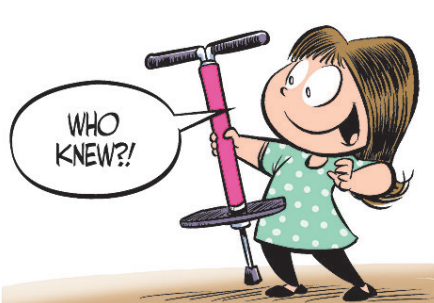
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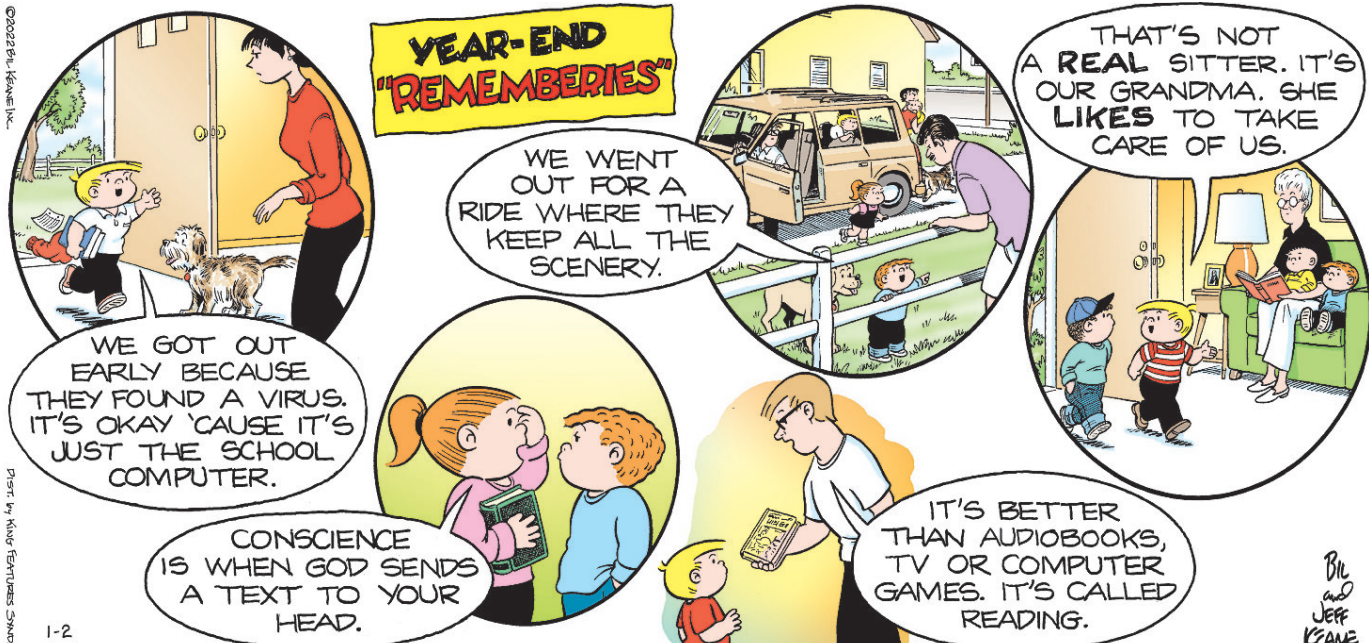
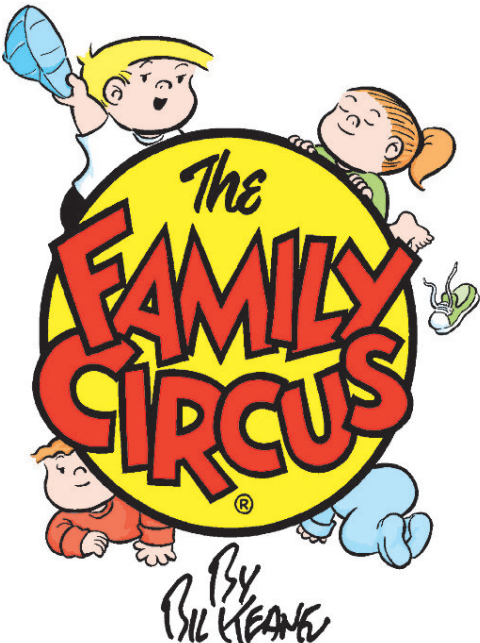
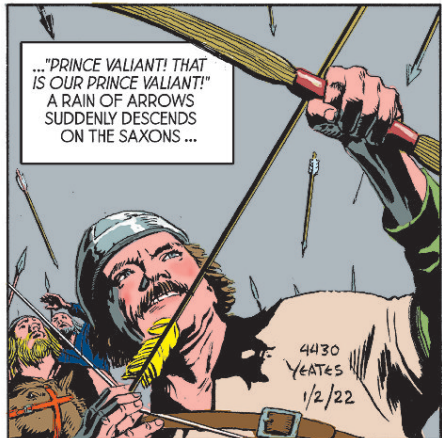
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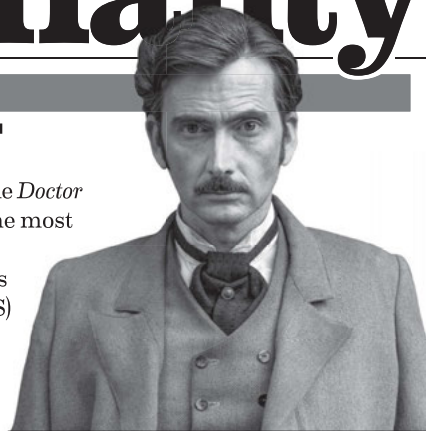
WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

DAVID TENNANT

It's hot-air balloons, trains and camels for the *Doctor Who* star, 50, as he climbs aboard one of the most famous road-trip tales ever told. Tennant stars in *Masterpiece*'s update of Jules Verne's ***Around the World in 80 Days*** (Jan. 2 on PBS) as Phileas Fogg, a British gentleman who bets a fortune that he can circumnavigate the globe in only 80 days, unheard of considering the year is 1872.

How does your Fogg differ from previous incarnations? The Phileas Fogg in the book is rather inscrutable, quiet, ponderous, even aloof. He doesn't portray anxiety at any stage of his round-the-world trip. But our Fogg is filled with anxiety and self-doubt. He's not a man that believes he can do this at any stage, so he's very different.

Was the adventure modernized? It wouldn't work to modernize it because you'd make it around the world in a day and a half. So it had to be of its time, and the world was a different place. Our script doesn't shy from the truths of that, but it finds some storytelling potential. We can look at it from a modern perspective and wonder, *Has society moved on or backward?*



How excited were you to get the role of the Doctor on TV's *Doctor Who*? As a child, I was obsessed. It definitely captured my imagination. I had posters on my wall and I queued up to meet Tom Baker, who played the role, on a book signing tour. It was being excited by that storytelling that made me want to become an actor.

Do you make New Year's resolutions? Absolutely not, because you're just setting yourself up for disappointment. If there's something you need to change in your life, I'm not sure that the arbitrary change of date is the impetus. If it is, then probably you don't have the wherewithal to manage it. But perhaps that's a little Scottish Presbyterian of me.

GORDON RAMSAY'S 'NEXT LEVEL'

In the food maestro's new unscripted competition, *Next Level Chef* (Jan. 2 on Fox), three teams compete each week in kitchens on different "levels" of a set that's three stories tall. Can they work their way from the basement to the top? Ramsay, 55, and fellow celebrity chefs **Richard Blais** and **Nyesha Arrington** lead the teams of line cooks, home chefs, social media stars and food truck owners as they compete for the \$250,000 grand prize. "Is that dish good enough to get to the next level? If not, you face elimination," says Ramsay.



FROM A COP TO A DOC

Chicago P.D. alum **Sophia Bush** trades her police uniform for hospital scrubs when she checks into the new medical drama *Good Sam* (Jan. 5 on CBS). The former *One Tree Hill* star plays Dr. Sam Griffith, a heart surgeon who excels in her new leadership role as chief of surgery after her renowned boss (Jason Isaacs) falls into a coma. But when he wakes up, he wants his old job back—and saying no to him is particularly difficult for Sam, because he's also her father. "It is every single one of my favorite kinds of shows wrapped into one, and it feels like a fresh take," says Bush, 39.

WHAT IMPACT DID BEING CAST FOR *DOCTOR WHO* HAVE ON HIS LIFE? GO TO PARADE.COM/TENNANT TO FIND OUT.

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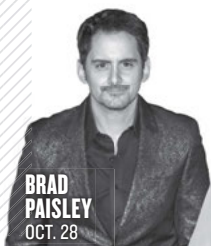
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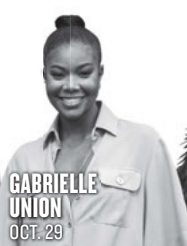
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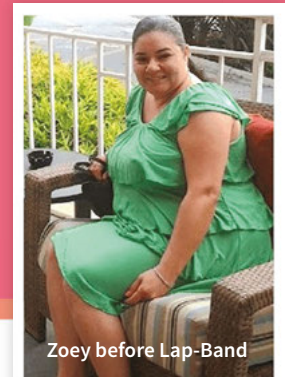
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IDENTIFY 'LEGACY ITEMS'

Identify those keepsakes that will tell your family story when you're gone and/or that you want to pass on to the next generation. Don't get held up on cost—they're not always financially valuable, Paxton says. One of the treasures he found when cleaning his mother's house was a cookbook filled with recipes in her handwriting. "The flavors of my life are in this book," he says. "That's my mom's legacy. Now my 10-year-old son cooks out of it."

PRESERVE FAMILY PHOTOS

▼ **GET GLOVES** Sifting through old snapshots? The natural oils on your skin can damage photos, documents and tintypes. Paxton uses archival-quality **Nylon Lintless Gloves** before a cleanout. **Package of four, \$7, archivalmethods.com**



DECLUTTER LIKE YOU MEAN IT!



We all want to start the new year by decluttering, but those family photos, grandma's silverware and the kids' first-grade drawings aren't just stuff—they're memories. That's where decluttering expert and PBS' *Legacy List* host **Matt Paxton**, author of ***Keep the Memories, Lose the Stuff*** (Feb. 8, Portfolio), **\$24**, can help. Here's how he lets go of the clutter but holds on to the stories. —*Leanne Potts*



FOCUS ON THE 'WHY'

Downsizing to a new home? Moving an elderly parent? Just want to feel less burdened with stuff? Whatever your reason for wanting to declutter, keep it front and center, says Paxton, who writes his "why" on a large note as a reminder. "The 'why' helps you stay focused when the cleanout gets challenging," he says.

START SMALL

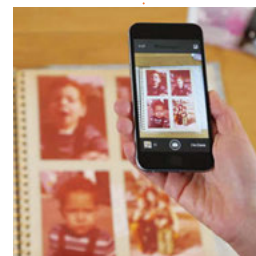
To avoid burnout, don't try to tackle an entire two-car garage at one go. Instead, pick a junk drawer or shelf to finish in one sitting. Savor it, then move on to the next small task.

DOCUMENT THE STORIES

"It's not the items we can't get rid of; it's the emotions attached to them," Paxton points out. Film your mother talking about her wedding dress or a piece of furniture. "Capture the stories, keep the emotions. Then you don't need to hang on to the item anymore," he says.

SELL, DONATE, TOSS

Make giveaway piles for nonprofits, relatives or friends. Mark items with who gets them and pickup times and give them away if they're not picked up. If you're selling, "remember your time has value," Paxton says. "Don't spend six hours trying to squeeze an extra \$5 out of a used grill." He recommends selling furniture, workout equipment, bikes and dishware, among other things, online (like at Facebook Marketplace) or via specialty apps like Poshmark for brand-name clothes and Letgo for furniture.



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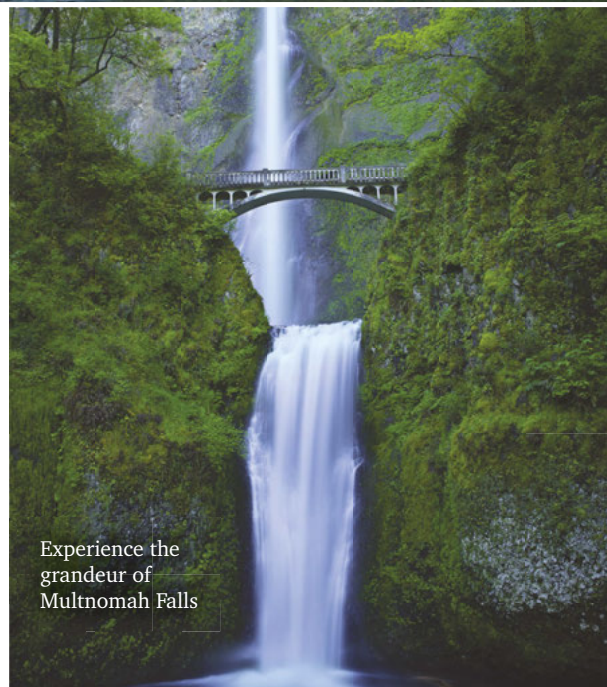


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On a recent trip to Tucson, we spoke with fourth generation turquoise traders

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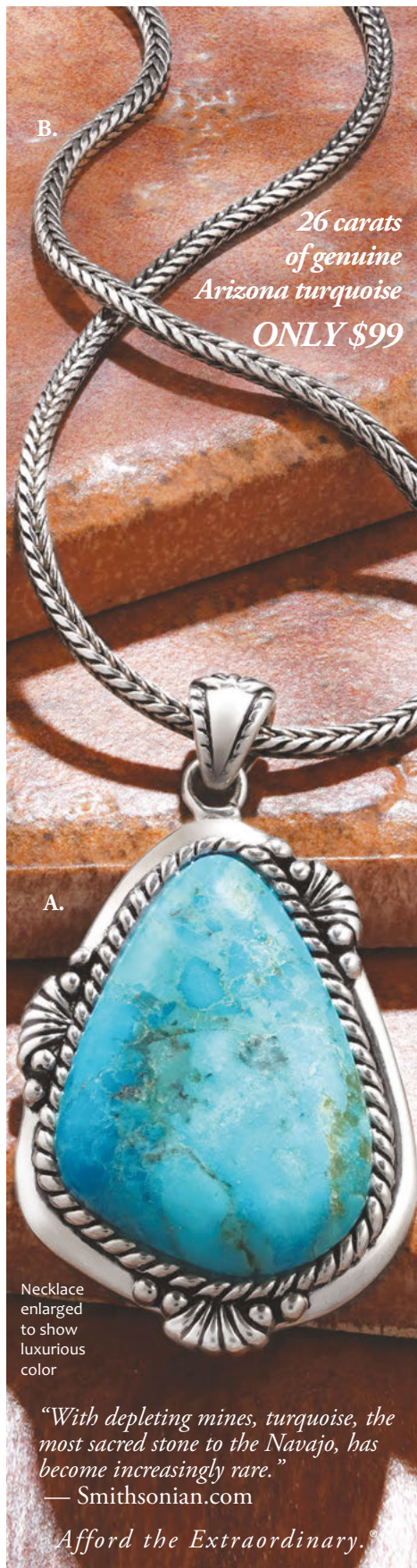
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Yes! Here's my favorite, from Tom Georgi in Carlsbad, Calif. "Why is it nearly impossible to do the following? Sit in a chair with both feet on the ground. Then lift your right foot a couple of inches off the floor and make a clockwise circular motion with your foot. At the same time, try to write the numeral six in the air with your right hand." Try it, readers!

A personal question: Do you have any pets?

—Jake Levy, Bangor, Maine

I've had dogs, cats, parrots, fish and frogs. Currently, I live with a calico cat and a bright orange brine shrimp—only 1/4 inch long—who arrived in 2009. His name is Eenie, and he lives in a closed ecosystem on my desk. This year, he's a teen!



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ANTHONY Just a Kid From Compton ANDERSON

The *Black-ish* star opens up about how he was shaped by the neighborhood he was raised in, how the loss of his father was a wake-up call for his health and the surprising hobby that he turns to for escape.

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Anthony Anderson made his acting debut earlier than most. He was just a baby in Compton, Los Angeles, when his mother, Doris, was performing in a community play that needed a baby who could cry on cue. “I actually think my mama was pinching my thighs and my ass to get me to cry,” says Anderson, 51, laughing, “but whatever worked for us!” He’s been hitting his cues ever since as an actor, a television host and the star and executive producer of ABC’s *Black-ish*, on which Anderson plays Andre “Dre” Johnson, a father of five trying to raise his kids with a strong cultural identity within their predominantly white, upper-middle-class neighborhood. The acclaimed comedy begins its eighth and final season on Jan 4.

The real-life married father of two, wearing a white T-shirt, jeans and sneakers, has just downed a healthy juice shot and is plucking bites from a blueberry muffin as he sits down to talk with *Parade* in Los Angeles about his life and long career. As an actor, Anderson broke out playing comic roles in films including *Big Momma’s House*, *Barbershop* and *Me, Myself & Irene*; on his first sitcom, *All About the Andersons*; and in his seven seasons on *Black-ish*, for which he earned 11 Emmy nominations. He also has taken on dramatic roles in *The Departed*, *The Shield* and playing Detective Kevin Bernard for three seasons of *Law & Order*—a role he will be reprising next month in the revival of *Law & Order* (premiering



Welcome back *Law & Order*’s Detective Kevin Bernard.

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Feb. 24). And he has produced the *Black-ish* spinoffs *Grown-ish* and *Mixed-ish*.

In addition to hosting the NAACP's Image Awards for the past eight years, Anderson has co-hosted *To Tell the Truth* since 2016—along with the prank show *House Haunters*—beside his very first co-star: Mama Doris. “My mom put her dreams of being an actor on hold when she became a single mother at 17 with me,” says Anderson, “so for me to be in a position to be able to allow my mother to live her dream? I was like, ‘You know what, Mom? Come on this ride with me.’” Today, he shares what that ride entailed—from his funny family and his work as a health advocate for Type 2 diabetes to the career he built for himself out of the struggling neighborhood where he got his start.

When you post on social media, you often add the #justakidfromcompton hashtag. Now that you're a man from Hollywood, why is it so important to keep connecting with who you were?

Being just a kid from Compton shaped me into the man that I am today. I grew up in Compton in the time of crack cocaine, the height of gang violence,



Mama Doris joins her son on *To Tell the Truth* and *House Haunters*.

drive-by shootings, Crips and Bloods and all of that. Maneuvering through those minefields where I lived, walking behind the enemy lines just to get to school, taught me about survival. It taught me how to think quick on my feet, it taught me about loyalty and it taught me about family. I was just a kid from Compton who had a dream. I go back to the schools that I went to as a child and I talk to them. I'm here to let you know that with hard work, perseverance, dedication, you too can achieve whatever it is you want to achieve in life, as long as you put the work in. I'm a living testament to that.

When was it evident to you that *Black-ish* was going to change the racial landscape for television?

Well, [the show's creator] Kenya Barris and I hoped that we would have this impact when we sat down and talked about creating this show. This was our lives. We're

both from Los Angeles—him, Inglewood; me, Compton—first generation successful. We just wanted to tell these stories through the lens of this Black family living the American dream, wanting to do better than the generation before them, and making sure that their kids have everything they didn't have, but holding on to their culture, their heritage and who they are. And to be stopped on the street by professors and people of all walks of life who say, “We're using your show or this particular episode as a tool to teach my students . . .” or, you know, “as a tool to teach my children,” “as a tool to learn for myself,” that's when I knew that we had accomplished what we set out to do.

How do you think Dre Johnson has changed over the past seven seasons?

I think he has drawn a wider and deeper line in the sand. His convictions are that much stronger about who he believes he is and where he should be in the world in which he lives and works.

***Black-ish* touches a lot of hot-button topics. Viewer reviews of the show range from “It's the funniest and most important show on television” to “It's racist.” What is your take on that?**

It says we're doing everything right. We've drawn from our personal experience, so if people say that it's racist, then yes, it is—because some of the things we've had to deal with as African Americans living in America *is* racist. It's from our perspective: This is how I feel when this happens; this is what me and my family have gone through. And I believe that's why our show resonates with an audience that it does, worldwide, because of the specificity in which we deal with topics and tell our stories.

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In season eight of *Black-ish*, power couple Dre and Rainbow, played by Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross, will continue to lead the Johnson family through life and its issues.



Many of us are focusing on health this time of year. Last May, you undertook a 12-week “dad bod” challenge. What was the hardest part of the challenge for you?

Getting started! I started off with light weights around my house, and then I started boxing, and I found that it was just like everything: Before you get there, you’re like, “Agh,” dreading it, but then once you get started, you’re like, “Why haven’t I been doing this my entire life?!” Now I’ve found the balance: You know, if I’m gonna eat this slice of sweet potato pie, that means I’m going to put in an extra 45 minutes on the treadmill. Is this sweet potato pie worth the extra 45 minutes? [He licks his fingers.] Yeah, it is! Since I’ve started, I’ve lost close to 30 pounds, and I’ve been able to keep 22 of it off.

How has Type 2 diabetes affected your life? I was diagnosed 21 years ago. A few years later, my mother was diagnosed. It’s hereditary, but it’s also the way I was living and what I was putting into my body. Then my dad was diagnosed, and I realized he was living with this when I was a teenager! I was like, “Pops had diabetes all this time and didn’t even know it!” As you can imagine, his quality of life was so bad. Most men, we never go to the doctor unless an appendage is falling off of us! He finally succumbed to the complications of Type 2 diabetes when I was 33. When he passed, that was another wake-up call for me to get out and spread the word within the Black and brown communities about the importance of preventive maintenance. And it is definitely a lifestyle change. It’s about exercising and diet—making healthier choices in our lives. As I sit here eating this blueberry muffin [laughs].

Growing up, was your family funny?

Yeah, my entire family was funny. And that’s how we got through the hard times. It wasn’t always good, just in terms of grow-

ing up check to check, hand-to-mouth. My mom was a telephone operator for the County of Los Angeles. My dad worked in the steel mills and then became a self-made man and got into plus-size women’s fashion—’cause he liked ’em big, like my mama! But everything was always handled with a sense of humor. And if you ask my mother, she thinks she’s funnier than me.

If we asked the people you grew up with, “Anthony was the ‘blank’ of the family,” what would they say? I’ll never forget, my mother was in a production of *A Raisin in the Sun* at Compton Community College. Me and my brothers were in the back of the theater, and I just happened to look up onstage and see my mother rehearsing and I said, in that moment, “*That* is what I’m going to do with the rest of my life.” So, since the age of 9, I’ve been preparing myself for not only where I am, but where I see myself going in my career. So I would hope that they would say Anthony was the driven one, the relentless one, because [acting] is all I ever prepared myself to do.

What does it feel like to nail something funny? To have the audience go on a ride with you and to be able to evoke laughter out of someone who may need you to escape their reality, words can’t begin to describe that feeling. It’s euphoric.

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The Anderson family: Kyra, Anthony, Alvina and Nathan in 2019

The 411

Motivational reward so I’ll work out: “The healthier I can be, the longer I’m gonna be around, the more I get to do the things that I love to do, the more I get to have an impact in people’s lives. *That* gets me on the treadmill. Will Smith says he will not be outworked. I would like to challenge him.”

Song I sing in the shower: “There’s this Nigerian artist CKay and he has this song called ‘Love Nwantiti.’ It started out on TikTok, and now it’s being played on mainstream radio.”

Favorite snack: “Ooh! Gummy bears.”



Biggest fear: “Failure. And disappointment.”

Messiest spot in my house: “My home office. If you were to walk in, you’d be like, ‘How do you get anything done in your life, Anthony?’ Because I’m almost a hoarder. Almost! I’m one item away from being a hoarder. And I think I’m going to pick that item up on the way home today.”

Book I want to read: “*The 48 Laws of Power*. That was given to me as a gift that I still have yet to crack open.”

What they called me in high school: “The first one that comes to mind is ‘Tasty Tony, the One and Only, if there’s another, he’s a phony.’ And Big Ant, which is kind of an oxymoron.”

Best place to practice my lines: “Oh, anywhere. I do it in the car, I practice them in my sleep.”

What I own too many of: “Shoes. Without hesitation. In particular, sneakers. I have over 300 to 400 pairs of shoes.”



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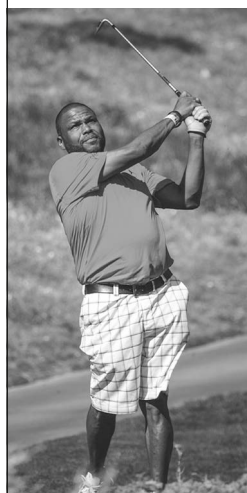
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You married your college sweetheart Alvina Stewart from Howard University. How did you meet? My sophomore year [1989], her freshman year, I knew a girl who lived in the apartment, so I went to knock on the door to invite her to this party that me and my buddies were having. My wife answered the door. I was like, "I was coming to invite Stacey to this party we're having." Stacey didn't show up, but my wife did—and we have been together ever since that night. We got married on our 10-year anniversary. She's quiet, I'm loud. Opposites attract.

You have two kids, Kyra, 25, and Nathan, 21. How far did the apples fall from the tree? How are each of them like you? My daughter is just as stubborn and pigheaded as I am, so the apple didn't fall far from the tree, personality-wise, with my daughter. And talent-wise, my son is a young actor and musician. He's a chip off the old block, and I would love to work with him one day.



If you had a free 24 hours with no responsibilities, what would you do? I would pick my favorite golf course and play golf with my favorite foursome. I also garden and that's my place of zen. I joined a garden club in my neighborhood. I have a 50-by-20-foot garden space that I grow everything in season. I built my own raised garden boxes, I turn my own soil, everything's organic. I think I'm only going to be there for a half-hour watering... and I'm there for four hours! I find myself talking to my plants and my vegetables and pruning them. And then it just becomes me and the soil and whatever it is I'm growing. That's why I love it: I'm in there with my bare hands, I'm one with the earth and everything else just disappears.

At the end of *Black-ish* season seven, Dre says, "Things change. You can make them change." As you leave *Black-ish*, what changes do you want to make happen for yourself?

On top of continuing to do what I do as an entertainer, as an actor, as a host, as a father, as a husband, as a friend, and continuing to produce more things behind the lens and direct even more, I want to give other people of color the space and the opportunity to tell their stories because we were given a space and an opportunity to tell ours—and I feel it's our responsibility to lift as we climb.

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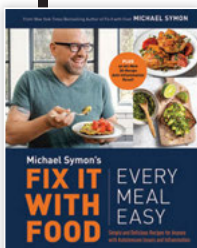
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- 2 Tbsp finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 2 large eggs

1. Heat 3 Tbsp oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium until shimmering. Add mushrooms and rice. Cook, stirring occasionally, 3 minutes or until

mushrooms and rice turn crisp and light golden brown. Add peas, asparagus, coriander and a pinch of salt and pepper. Cook 2 minutes or until vegetables soften. Remove from heat; stir in parsley. Divide between 2 plates.

2. Return skillet to medium heat. Add remaining 1 Tbsp oil; heat until shimmering. Carefully crack eggs into pan. Cook 2 minutes or until whites begin to brown around edges. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat, add 1 Tbsp water, cover and let steam 30–90 seconds or until yolk is desired doneness. Top each serving with 1 egg. **Serves 2.**

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